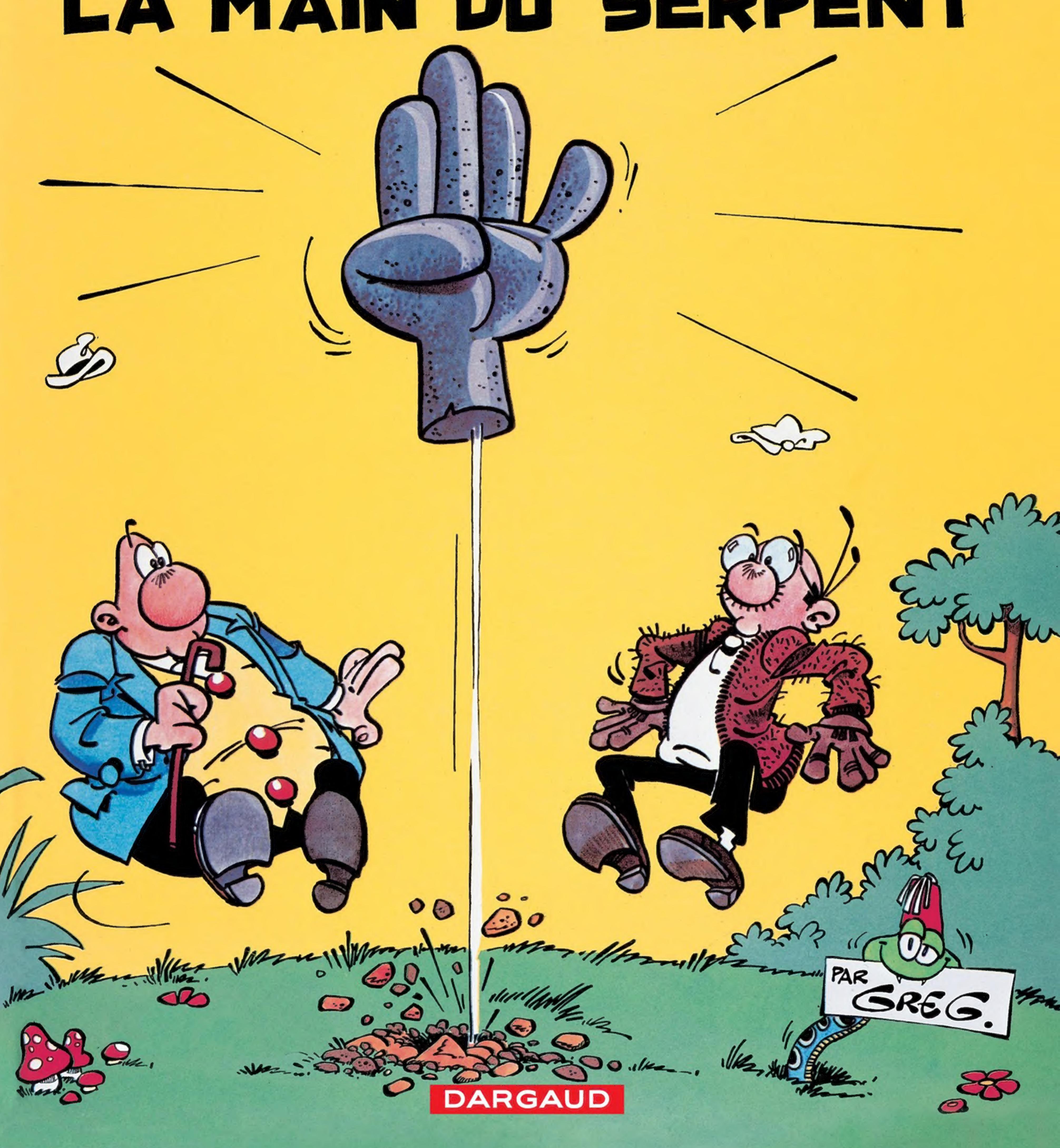
## ACHILLE TALON

LA MAIN DU SERPENT









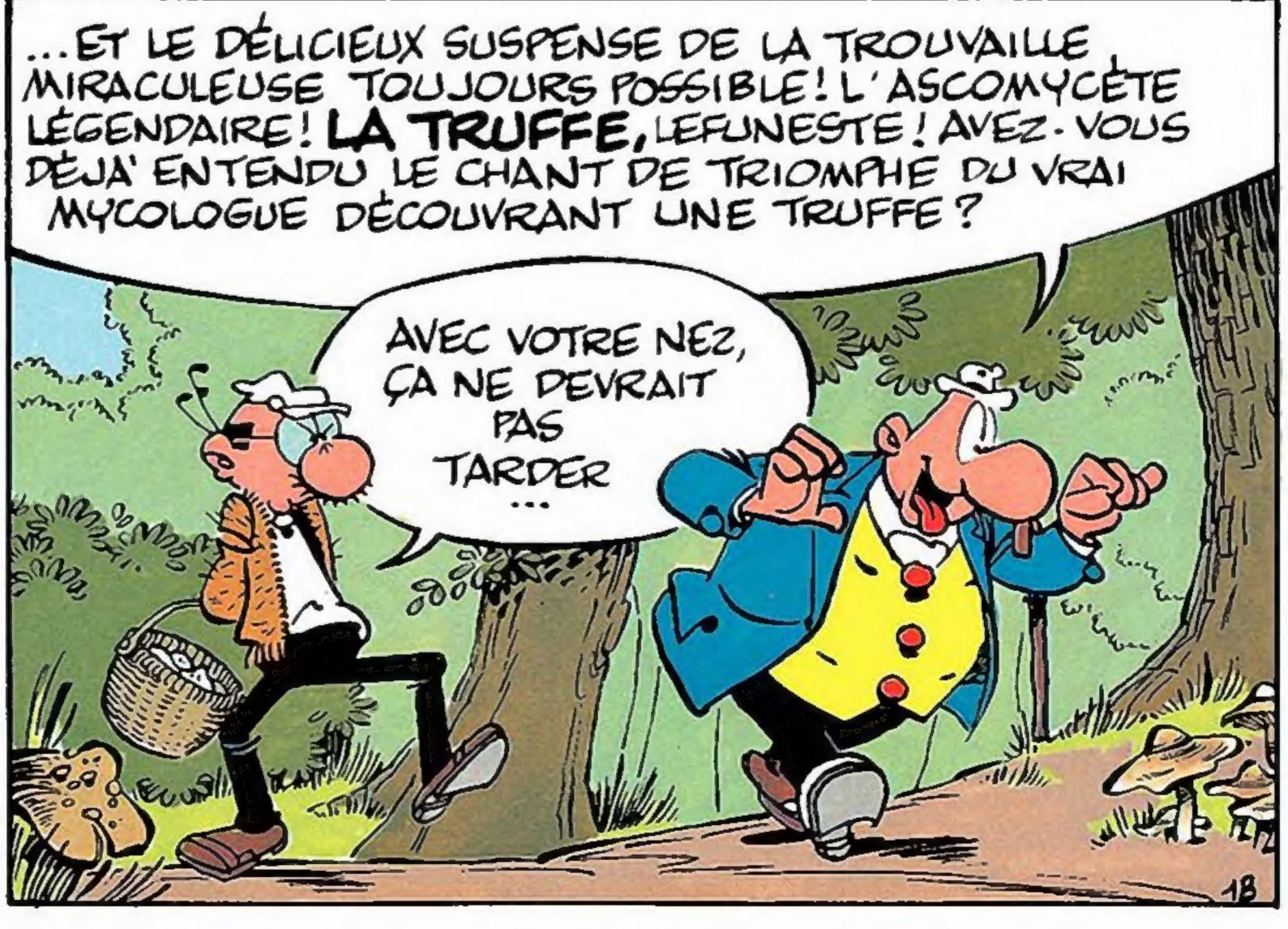


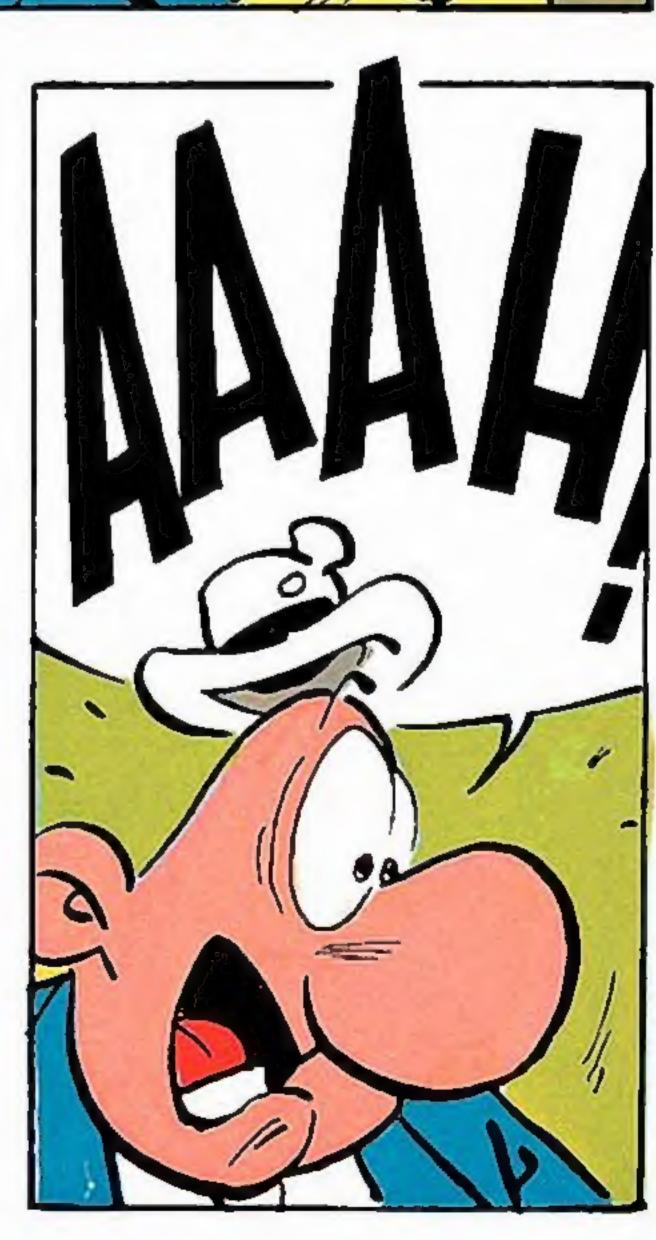


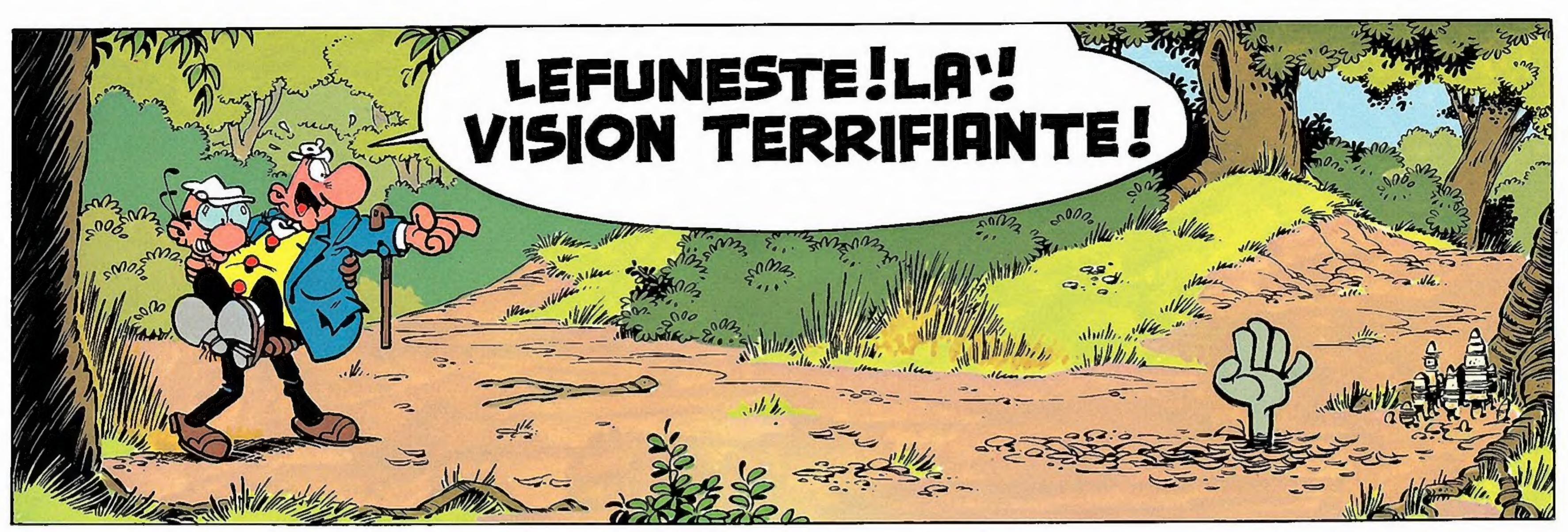


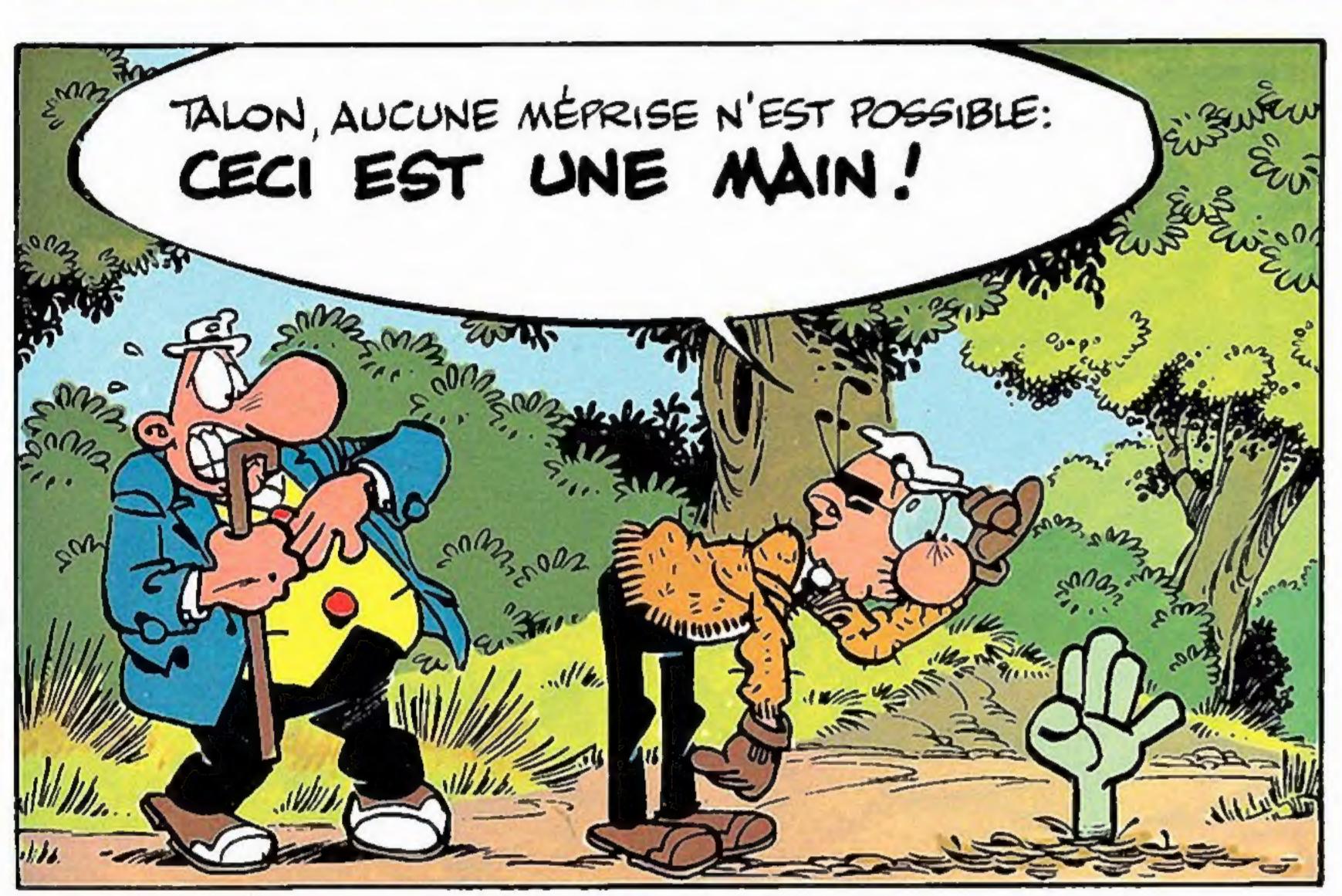










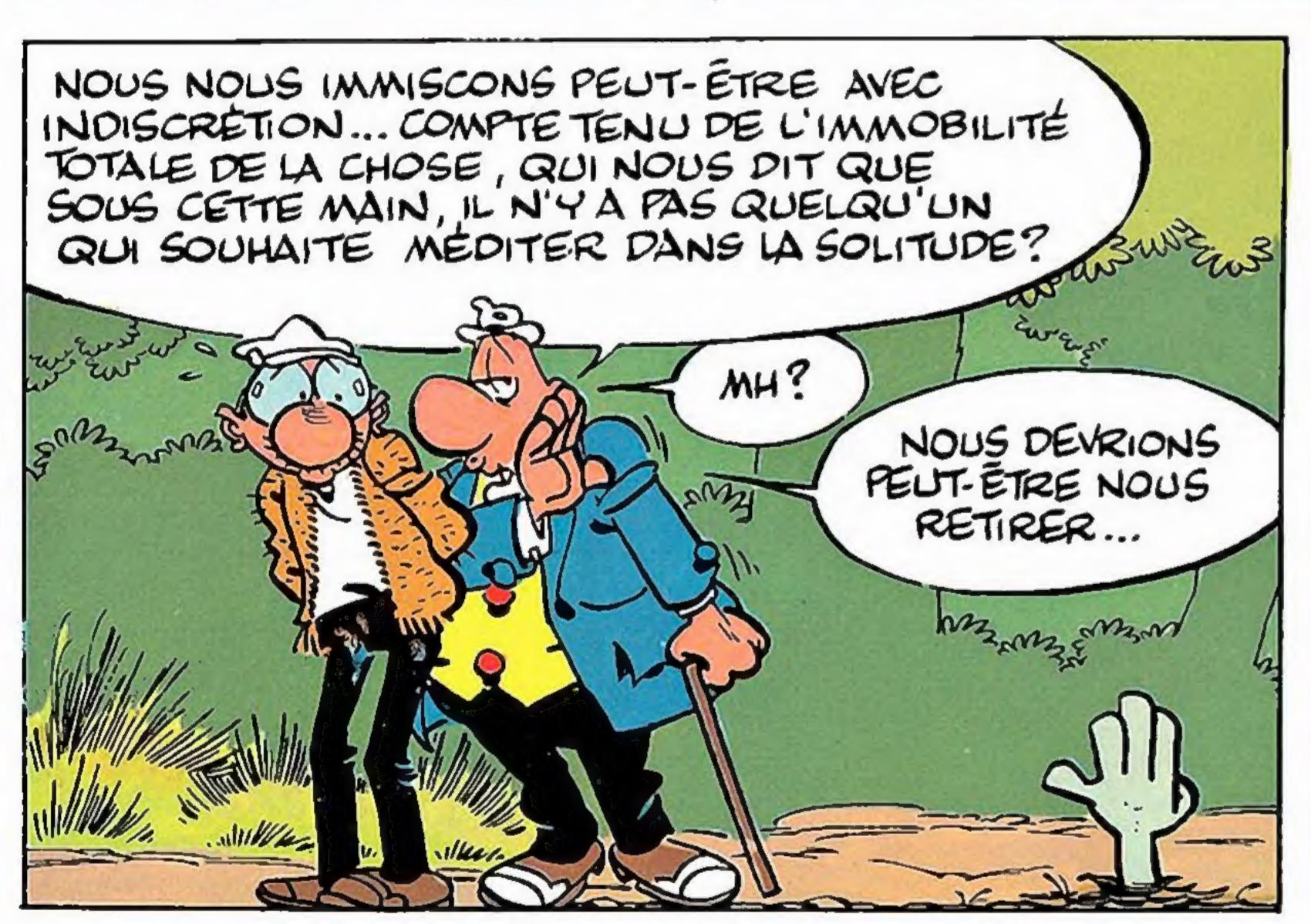


JE NE VOUDRAIS PAS
POSER DE DIAGNOSTIC
HATIF, MAIS CETTE
COULEUR GRISATRE NE
ME DIT RIEN QUI
VAILLE...SI VOUS
VOULEZ MON AVIS,
TALON...







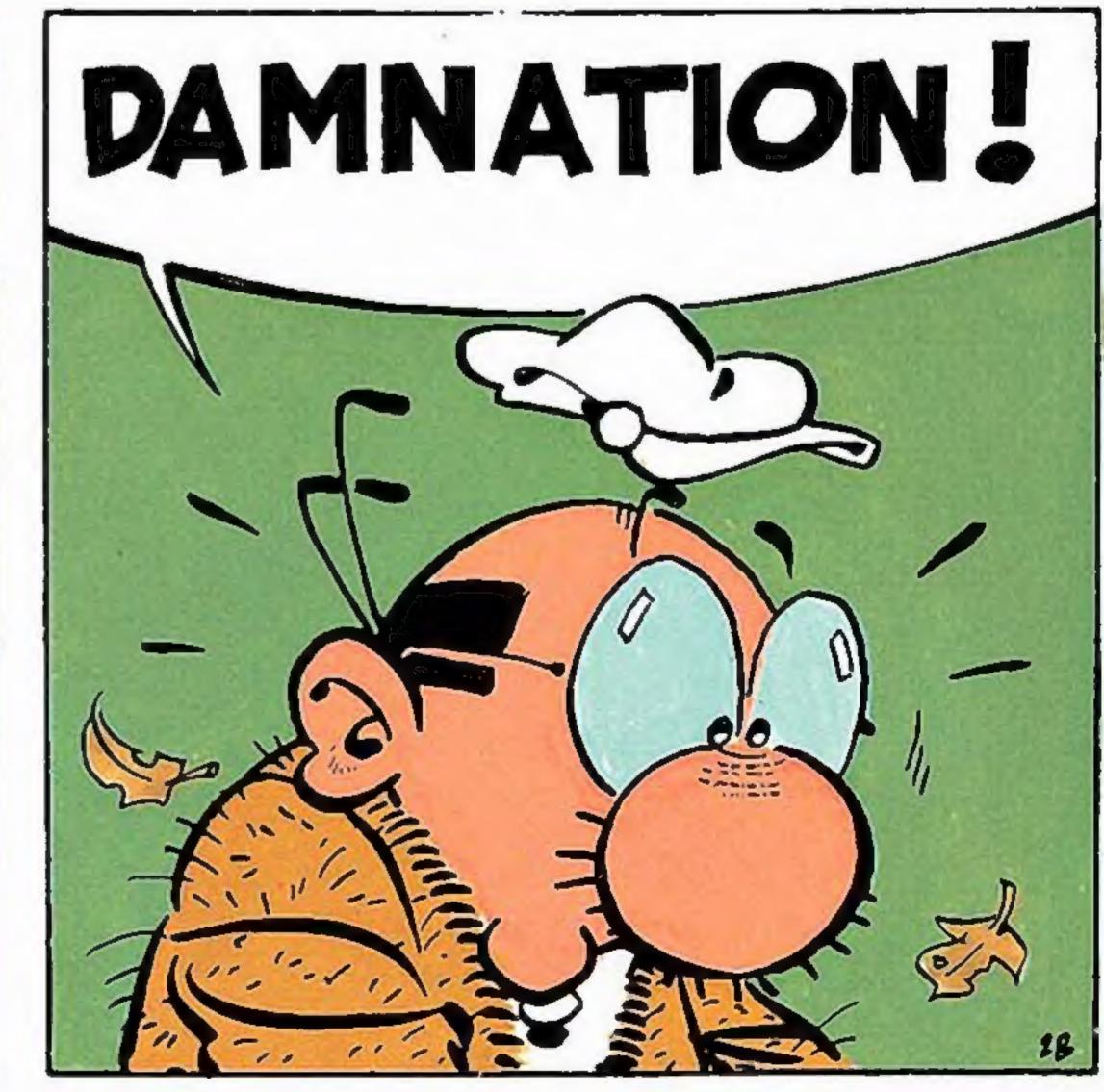




IL N'Y A, HÉLAS! PAS TRENTE-SIX SOLUTIONS. ON...GLIP...ON DÉTERRE, ON CONSTATE ET PUIS ON PRIE LE CIEL QU'IL SOIT INUTILE DE FAIRE DU BOUCHE-A'-BOUCHE

















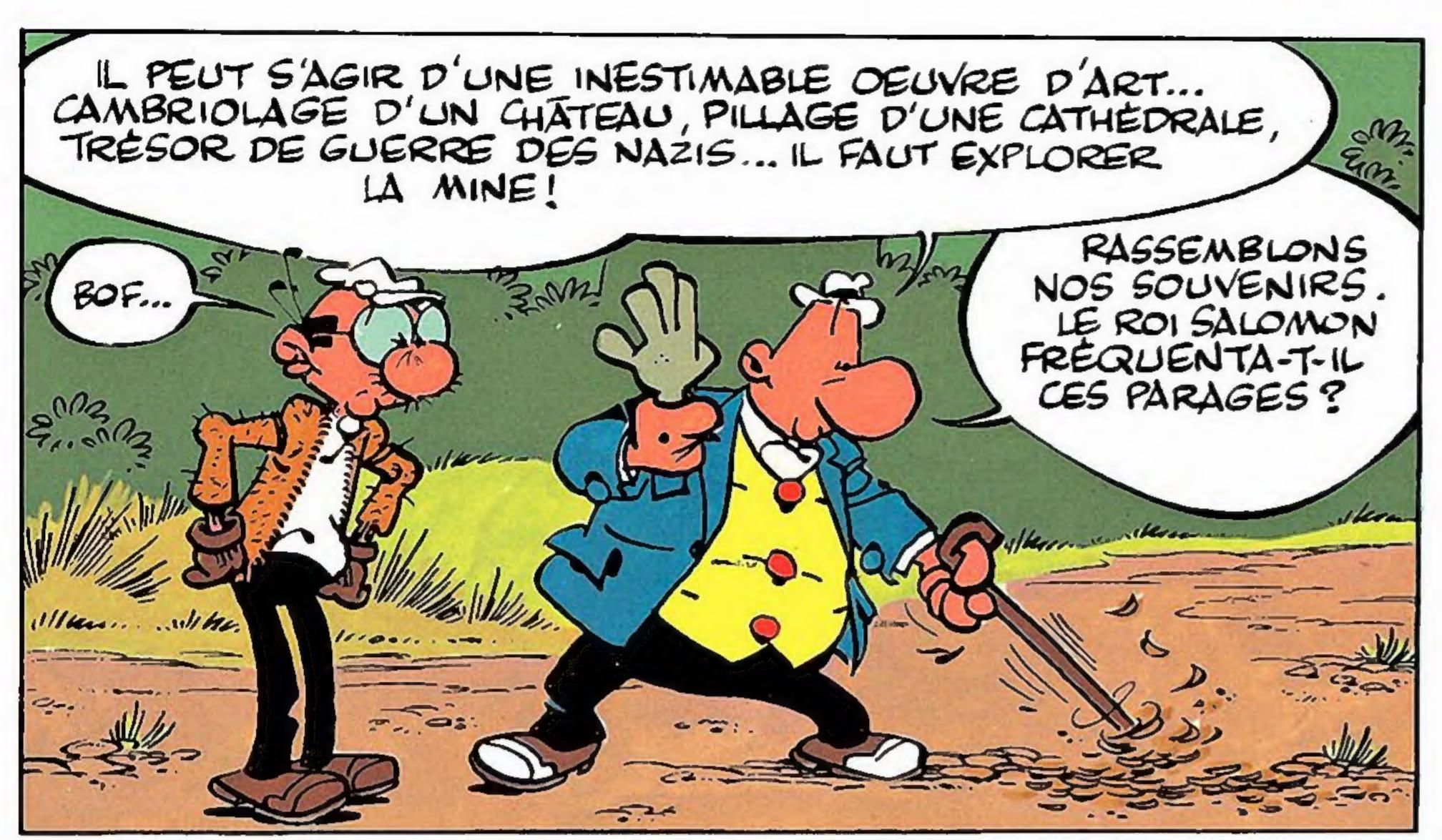






















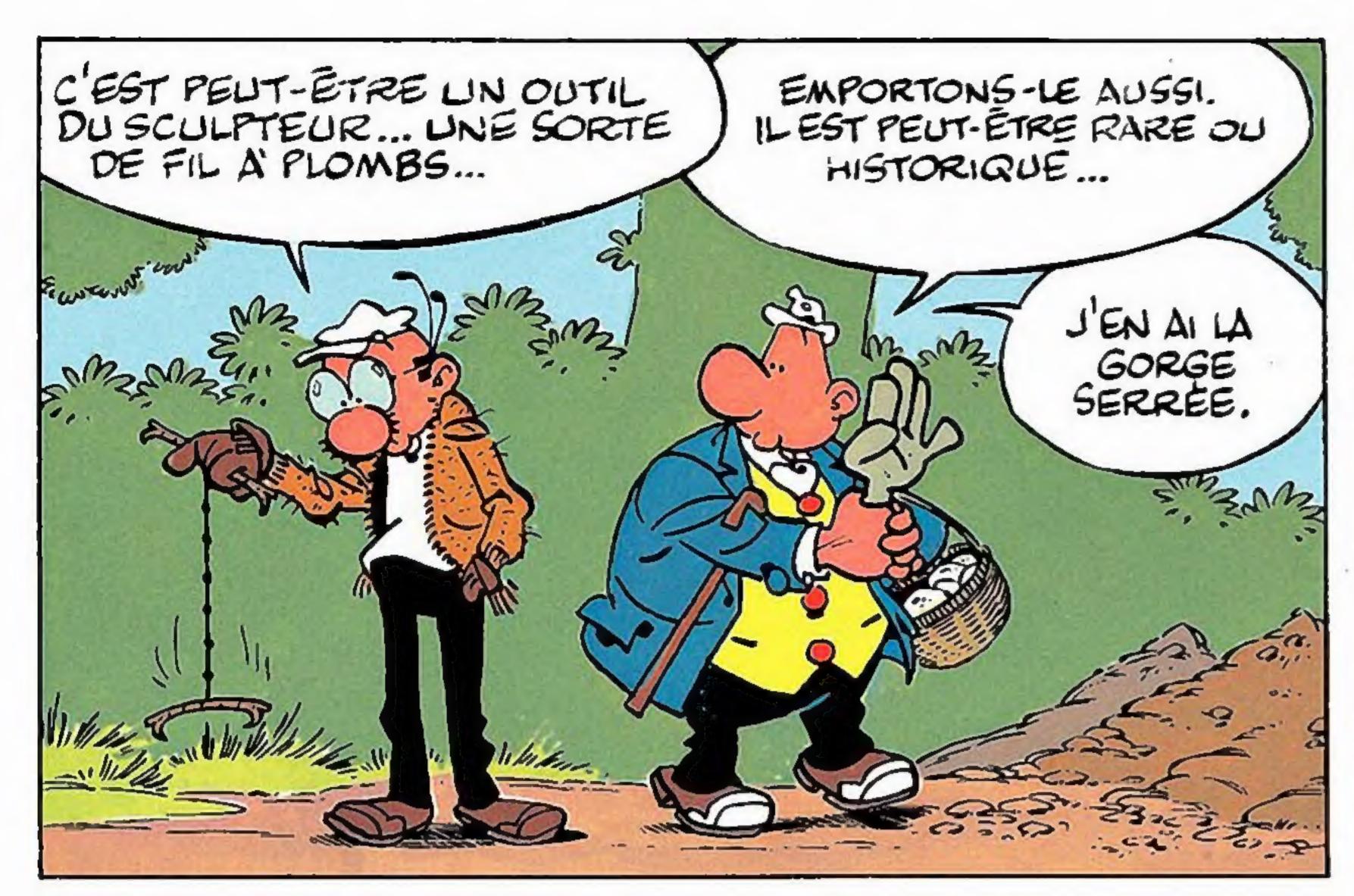




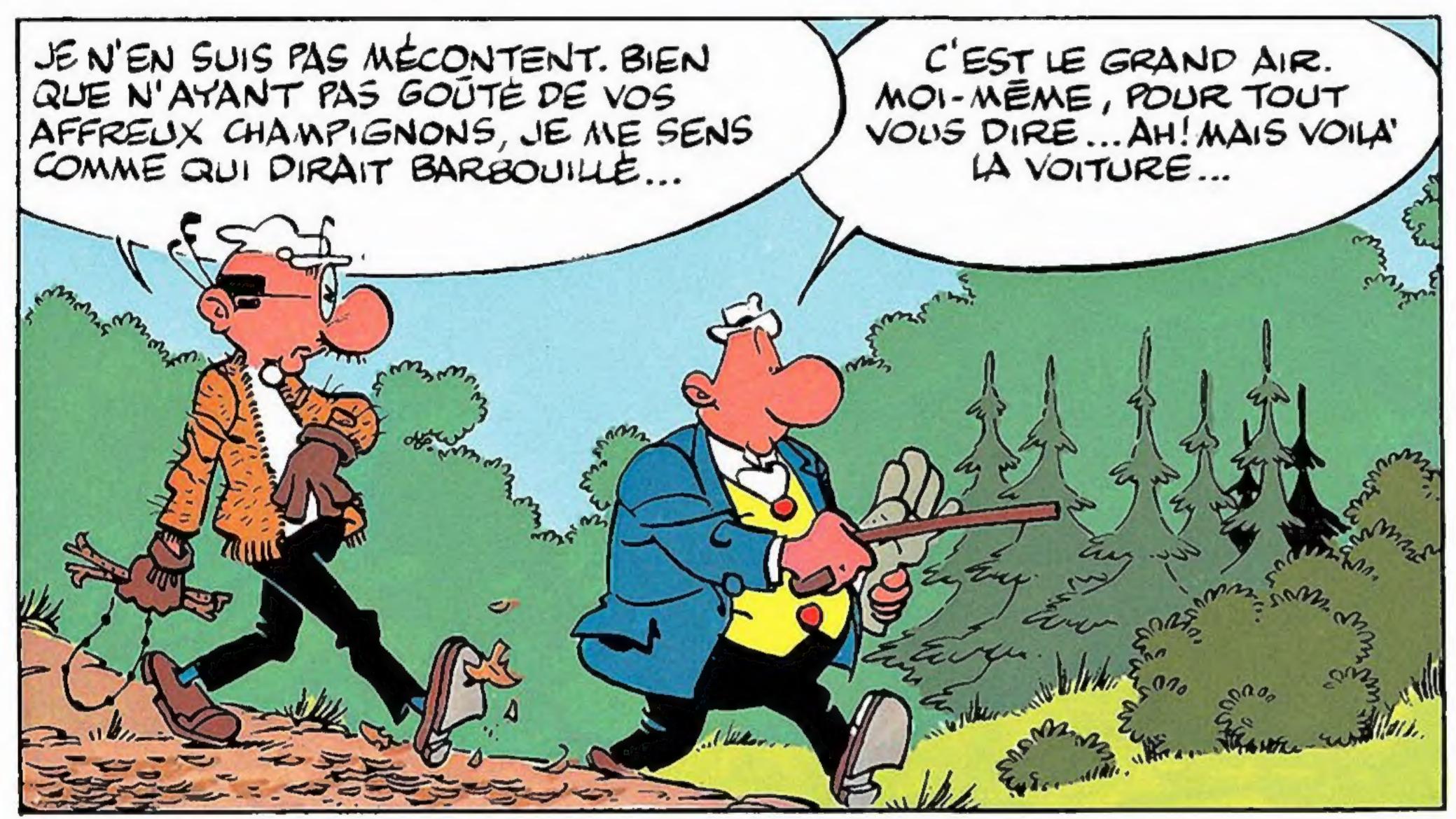


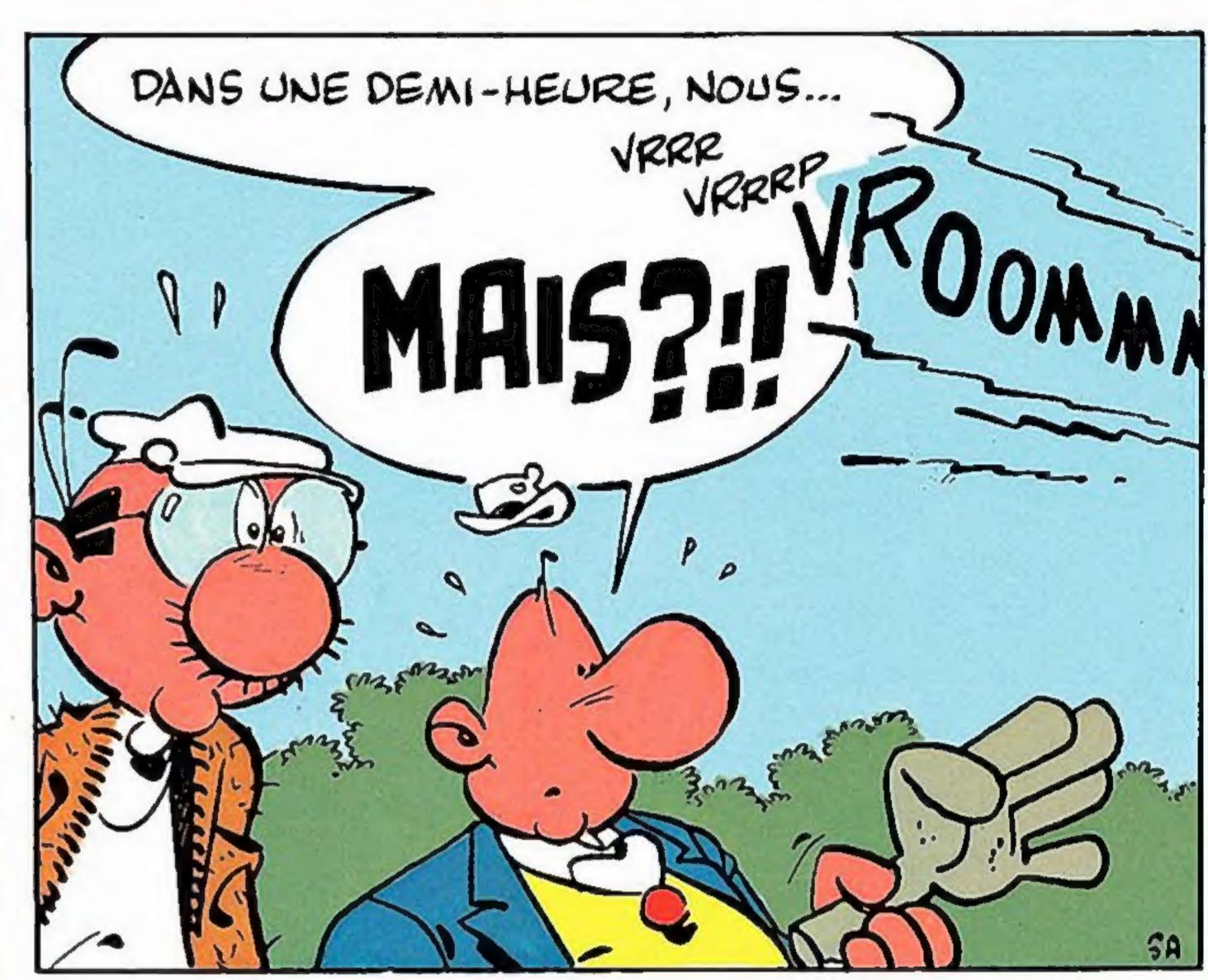
VOUS SERIEZ TROP HEUREUX

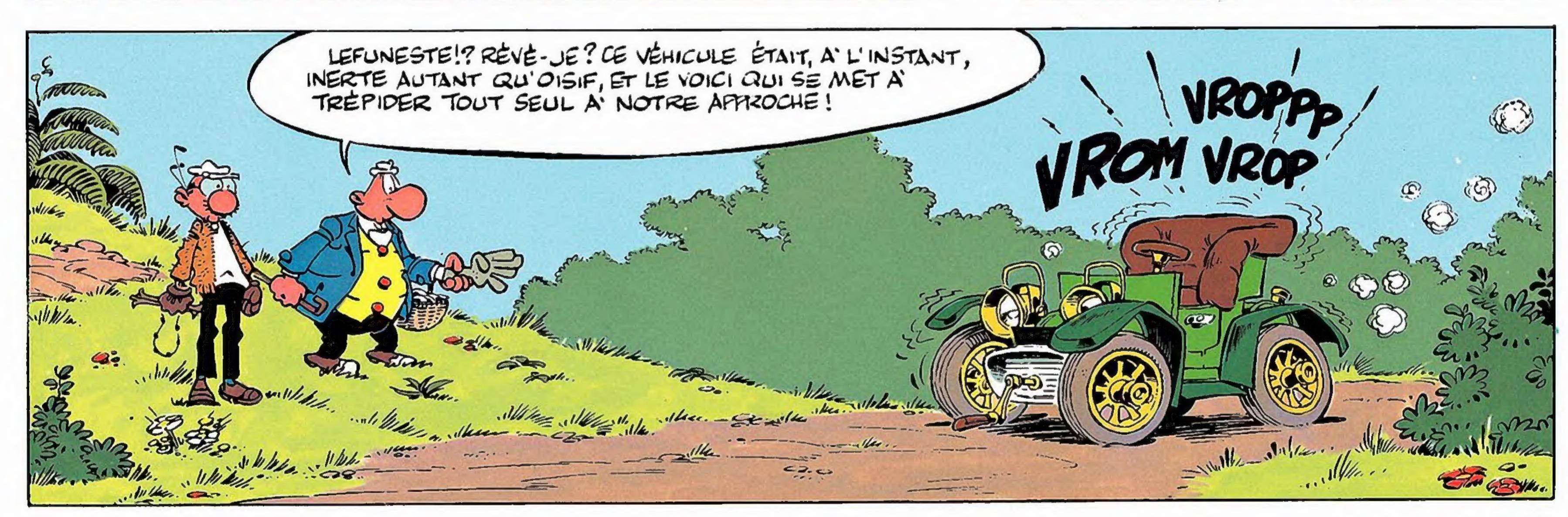




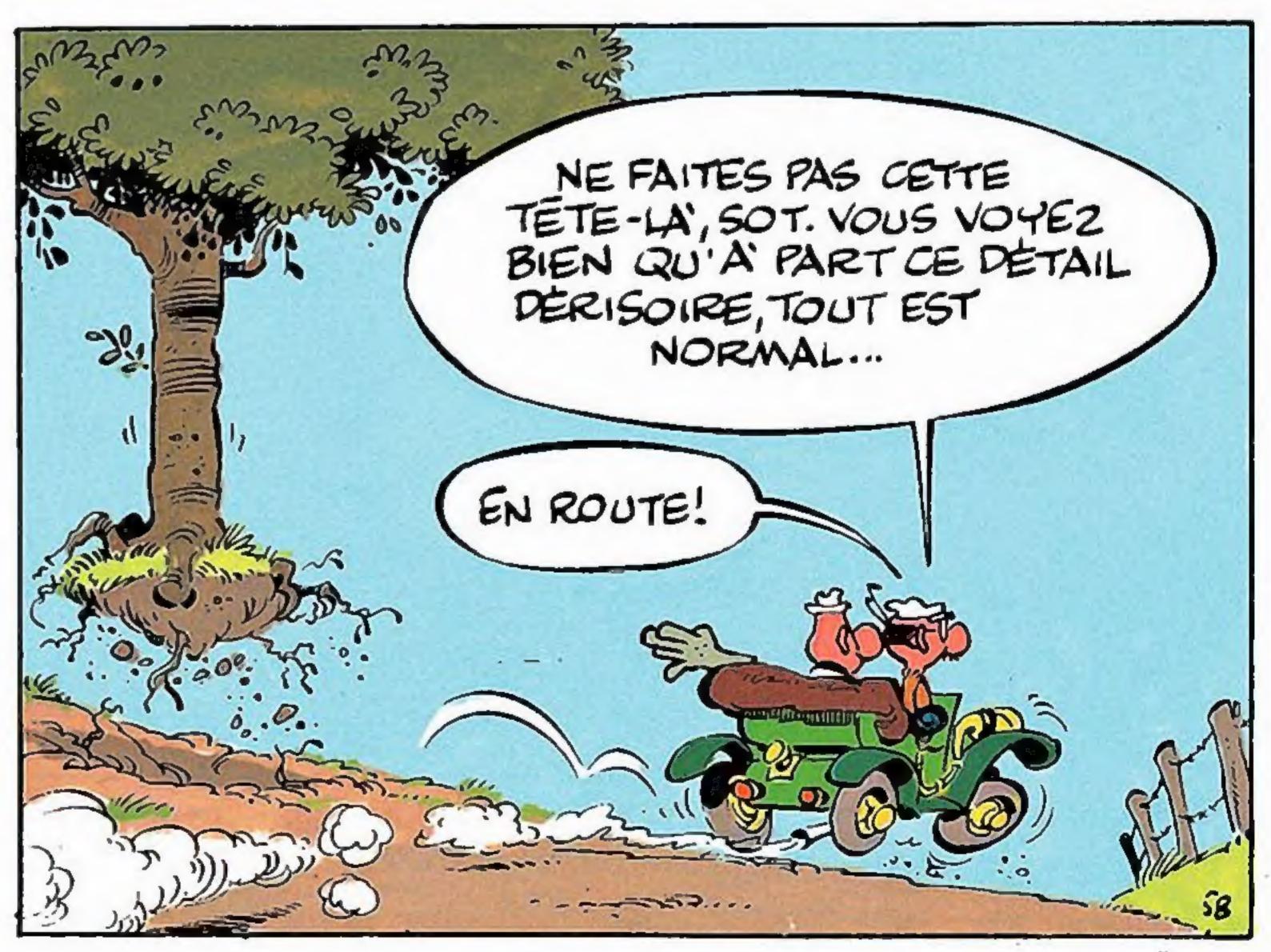


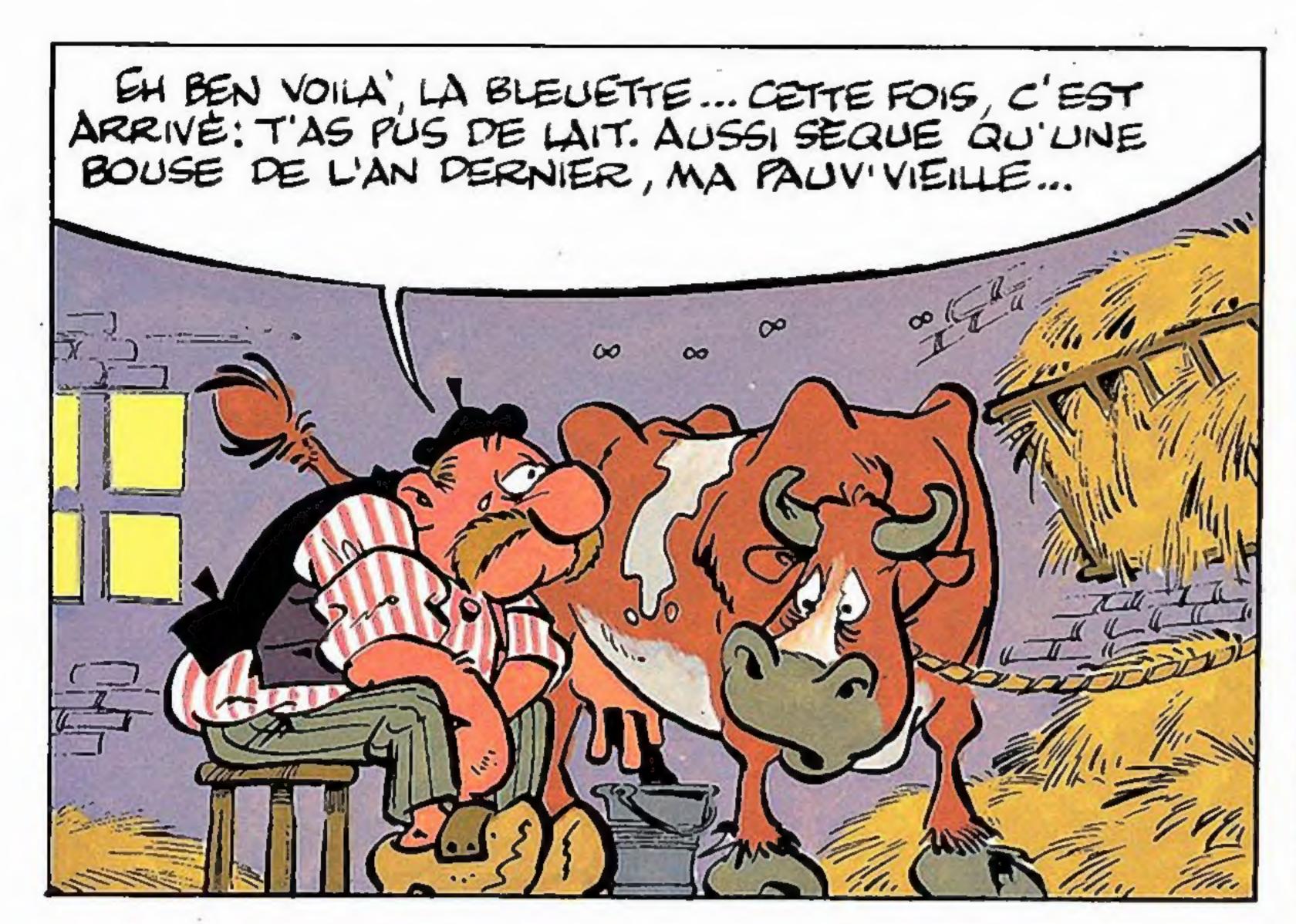


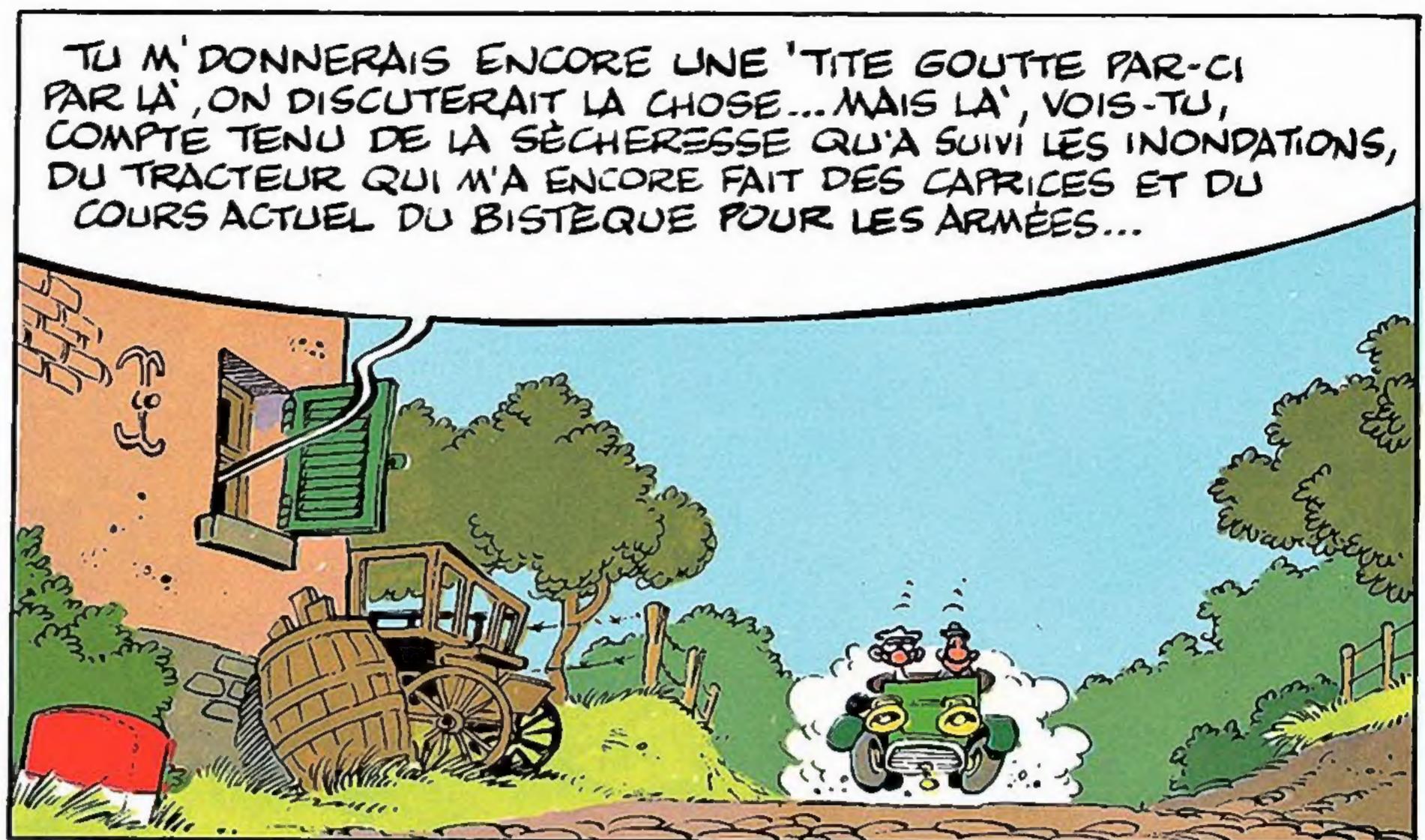














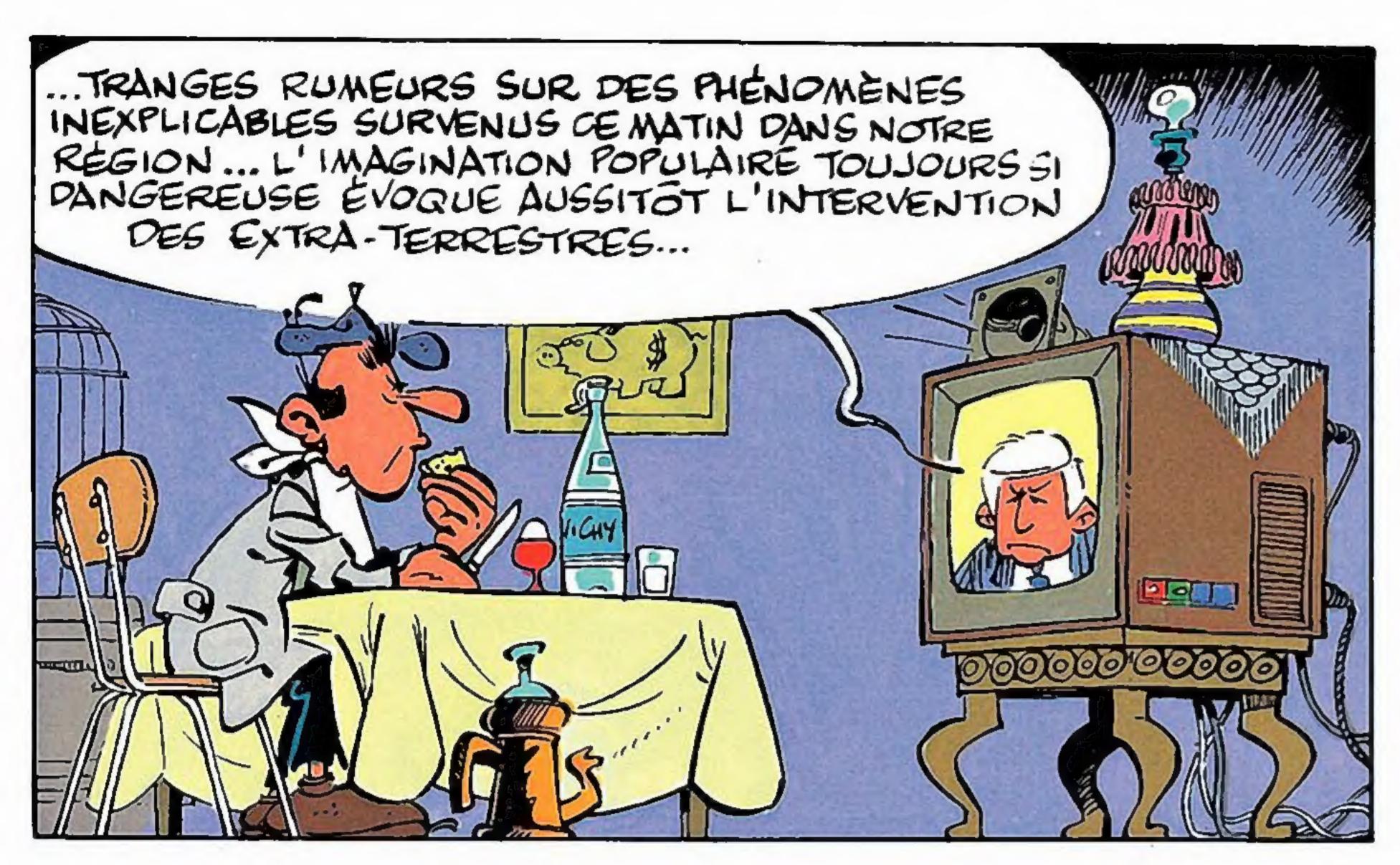








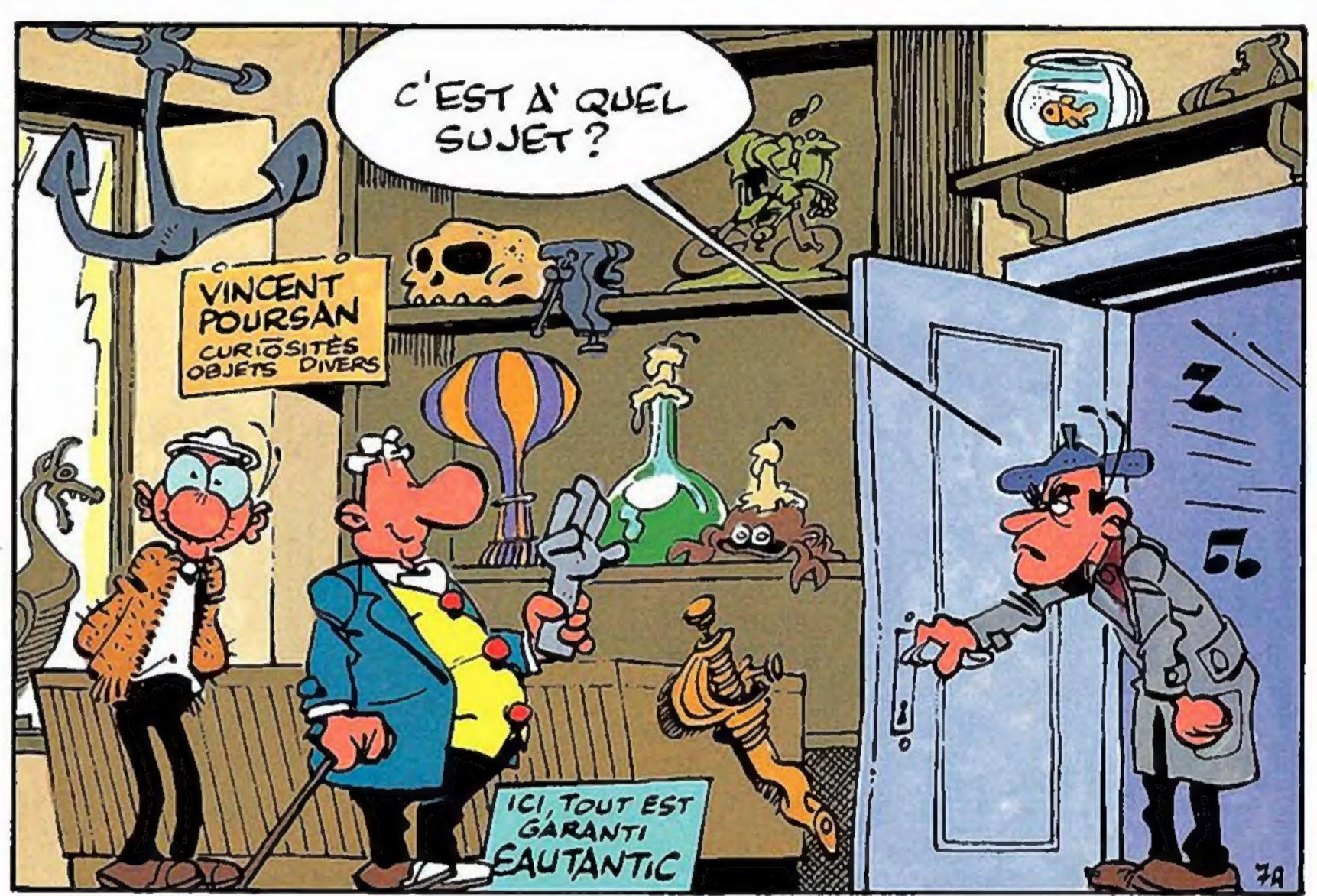






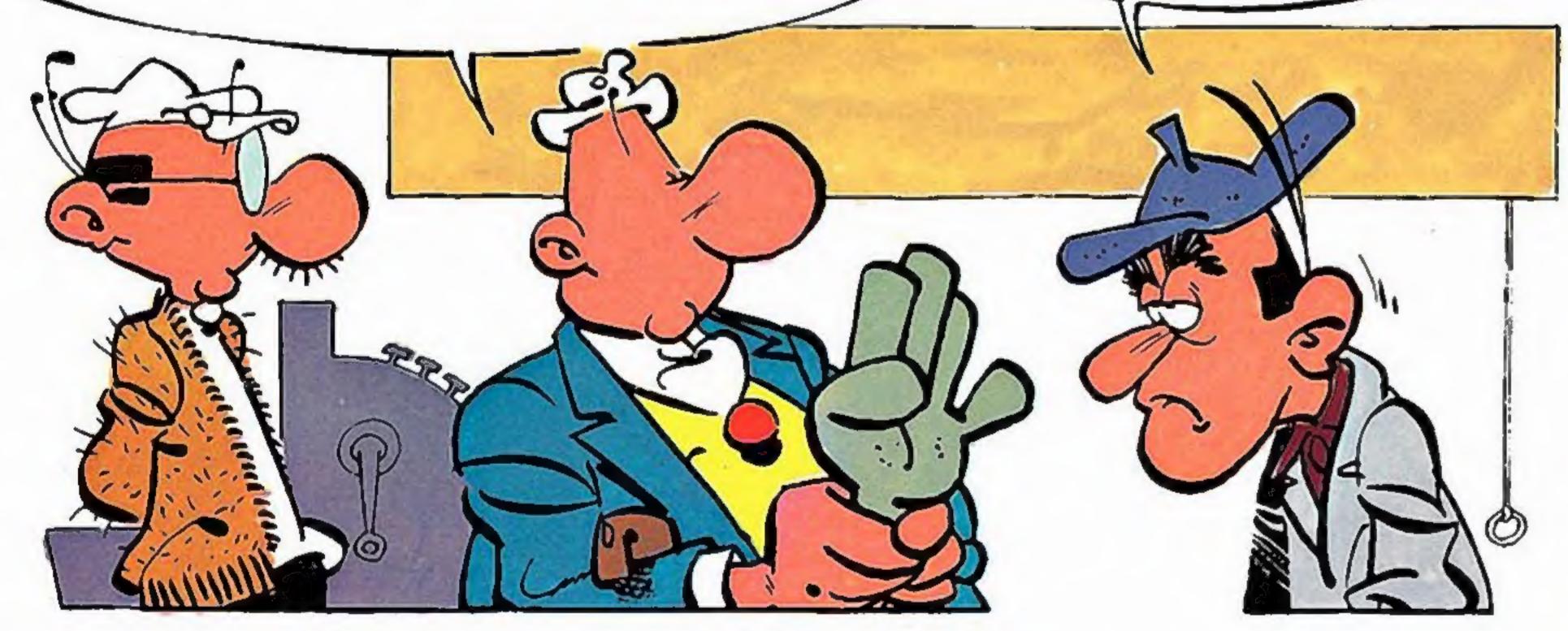




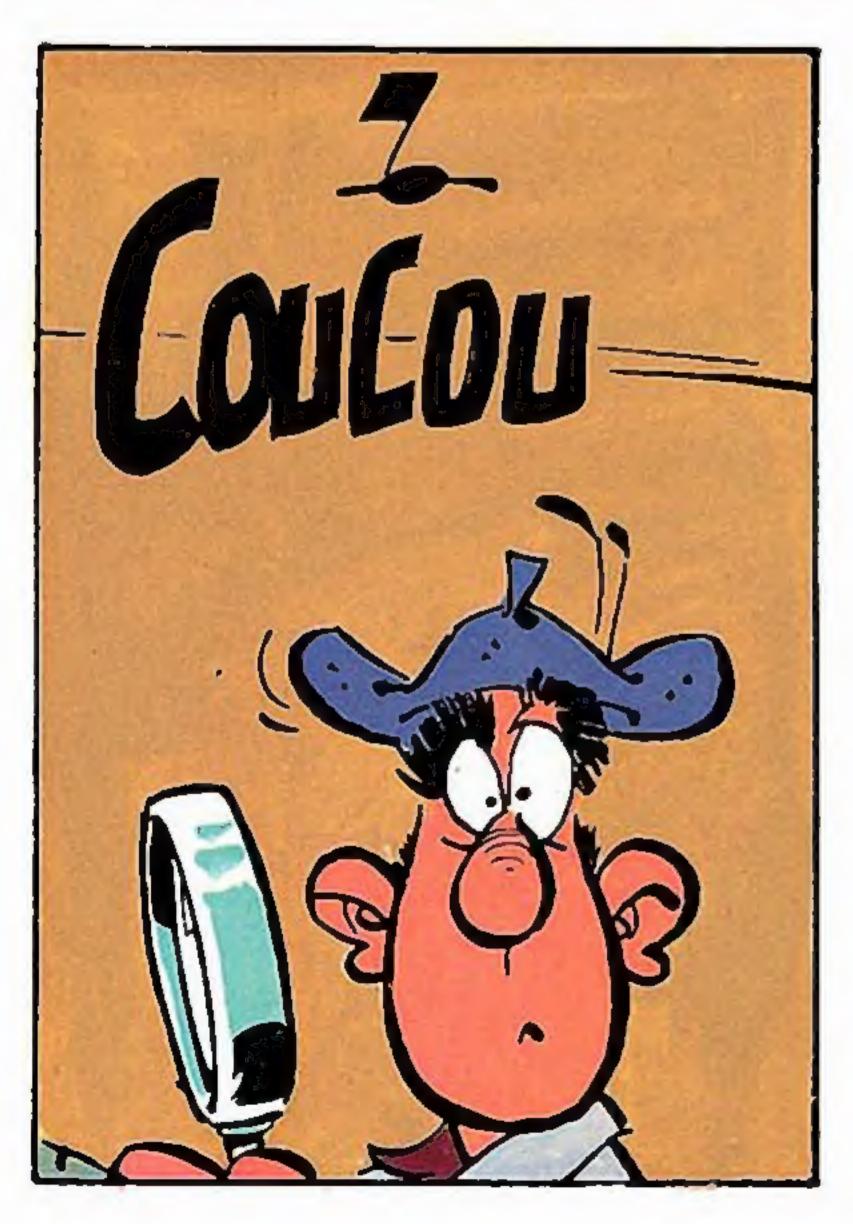


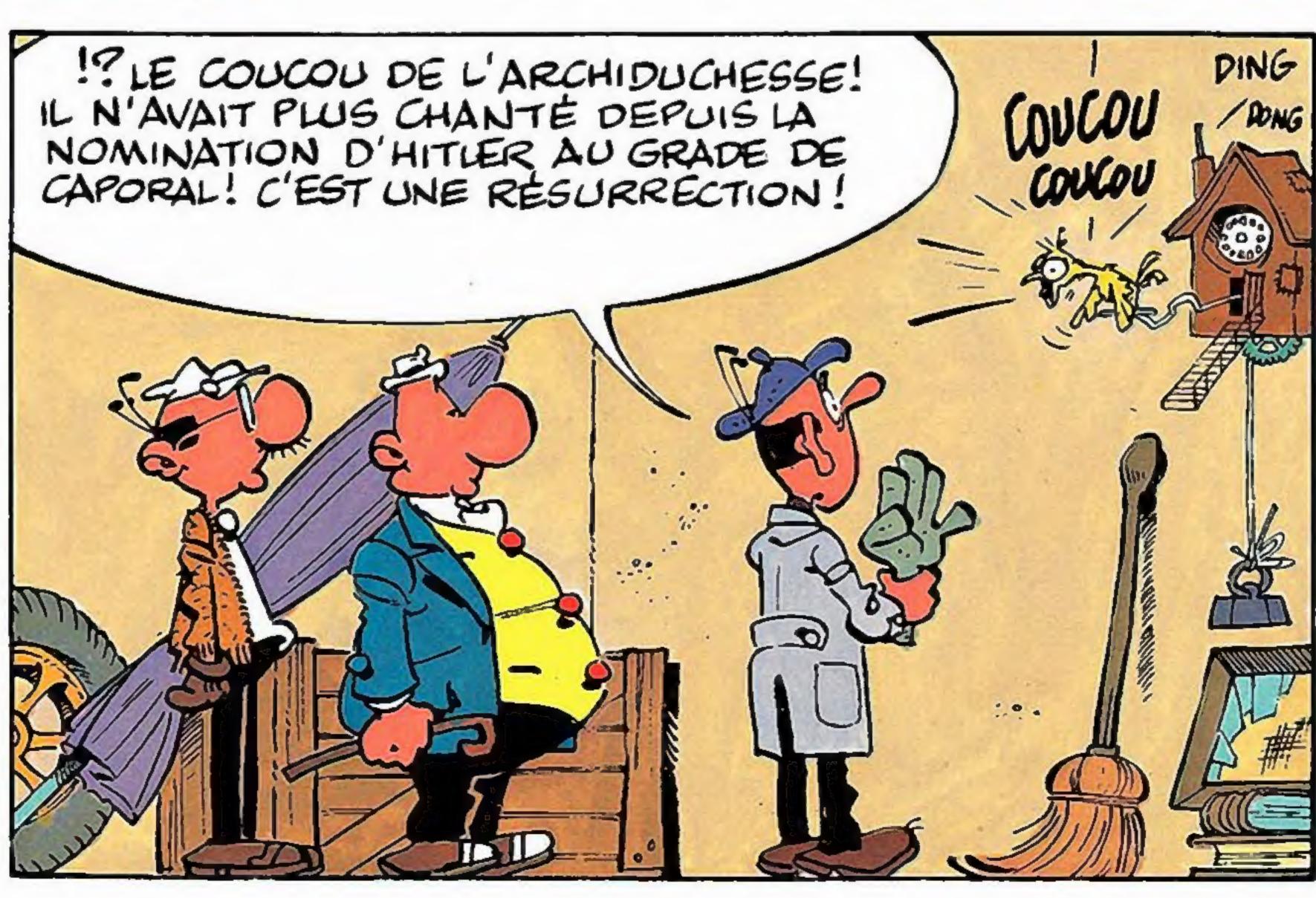
COMMERÇANT, IL S'AGIT D'UNE CONSULTATION. JE SAIS, POUR VOUS AVOIR CONSACRÉ QUELQUES CHÉQUIERS, QUE VOUS CONNAISSEZ LE PRIX DES CHOSES, ET MÊME AU-DELA'...

C'EST CE MACHIN QUE VOUS PRÉTENDEZ ÉTRE UNE CHOSE?









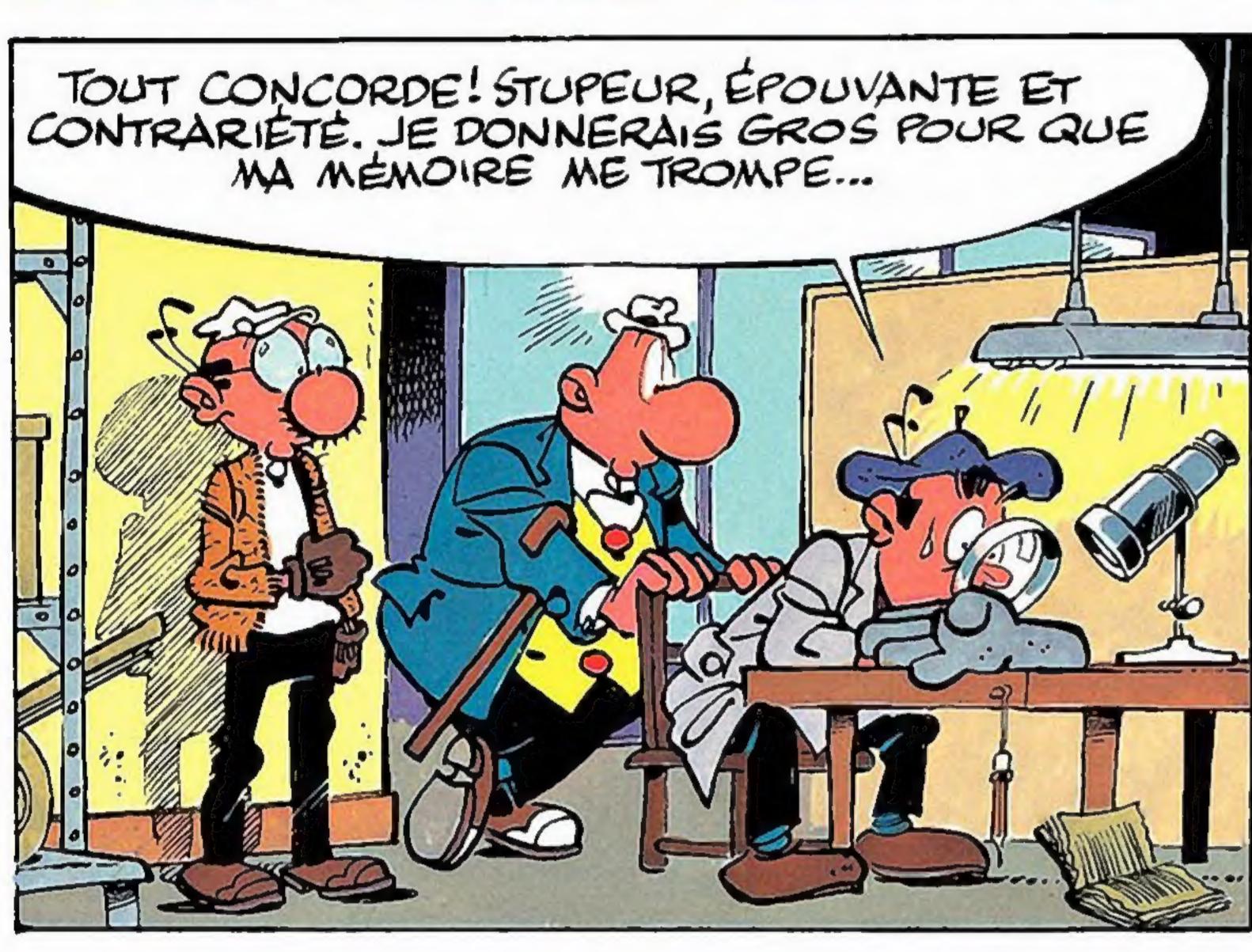


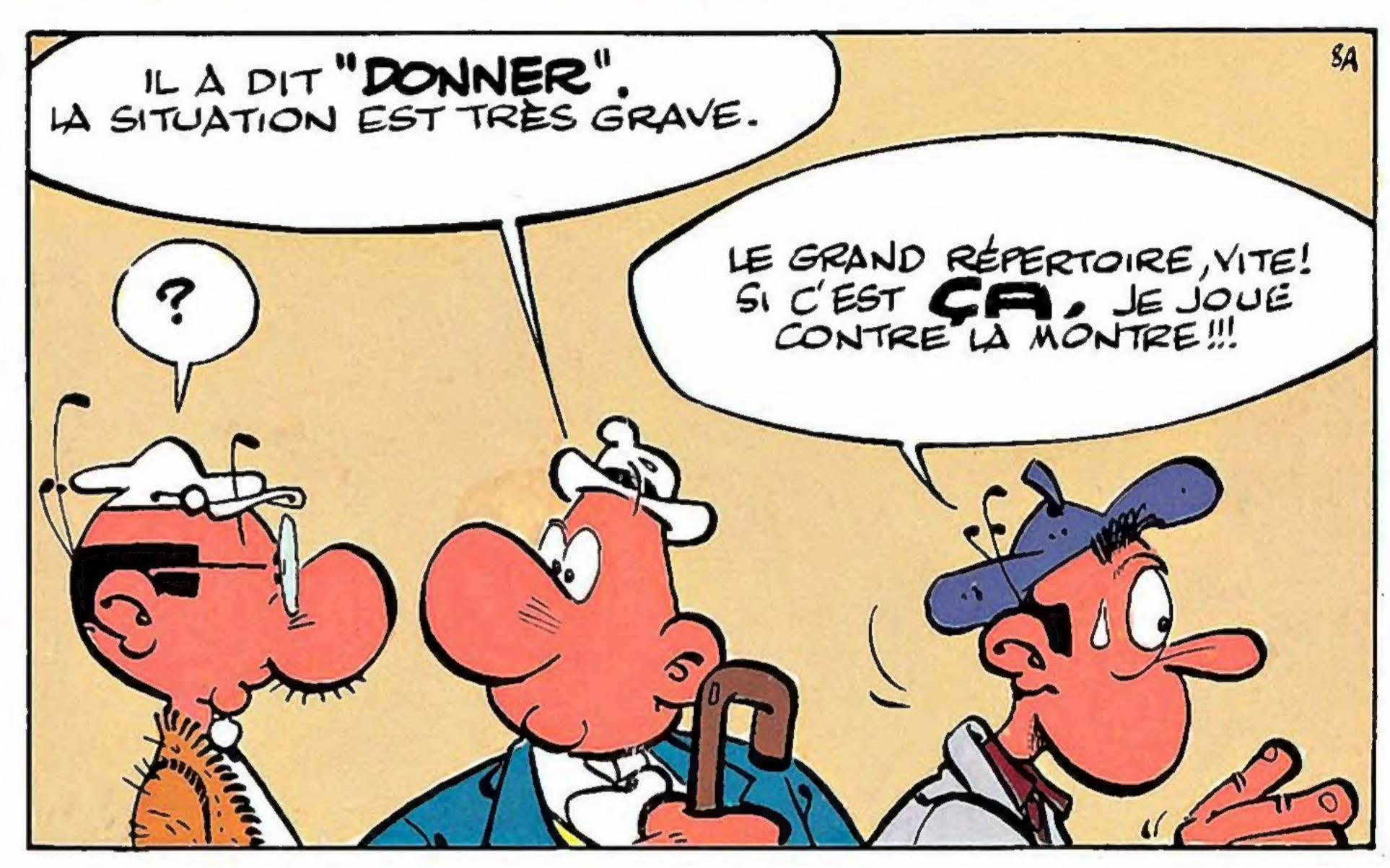
LE COUCOU QUI RECOUCOUTTE!
LE JOURNALISTE QUI CHANGE DE TÊTE ET
QUI SE MET A' CHANTER!... VOUS... VOUS
N'AVEZ RIEN REMARQUÉ D'ANORMAL, VOUS?

SI: VOUS, HABITUELLEMENT SI JOVIALEMENT JAUNATRE, VOUS VENEZ DE VIRER AU BLEU-VERT... A' PART CE VISIBLE INCIDENT DE DIGESTION, JE NE V... ? AH SI! ATTENDEZ DONC...































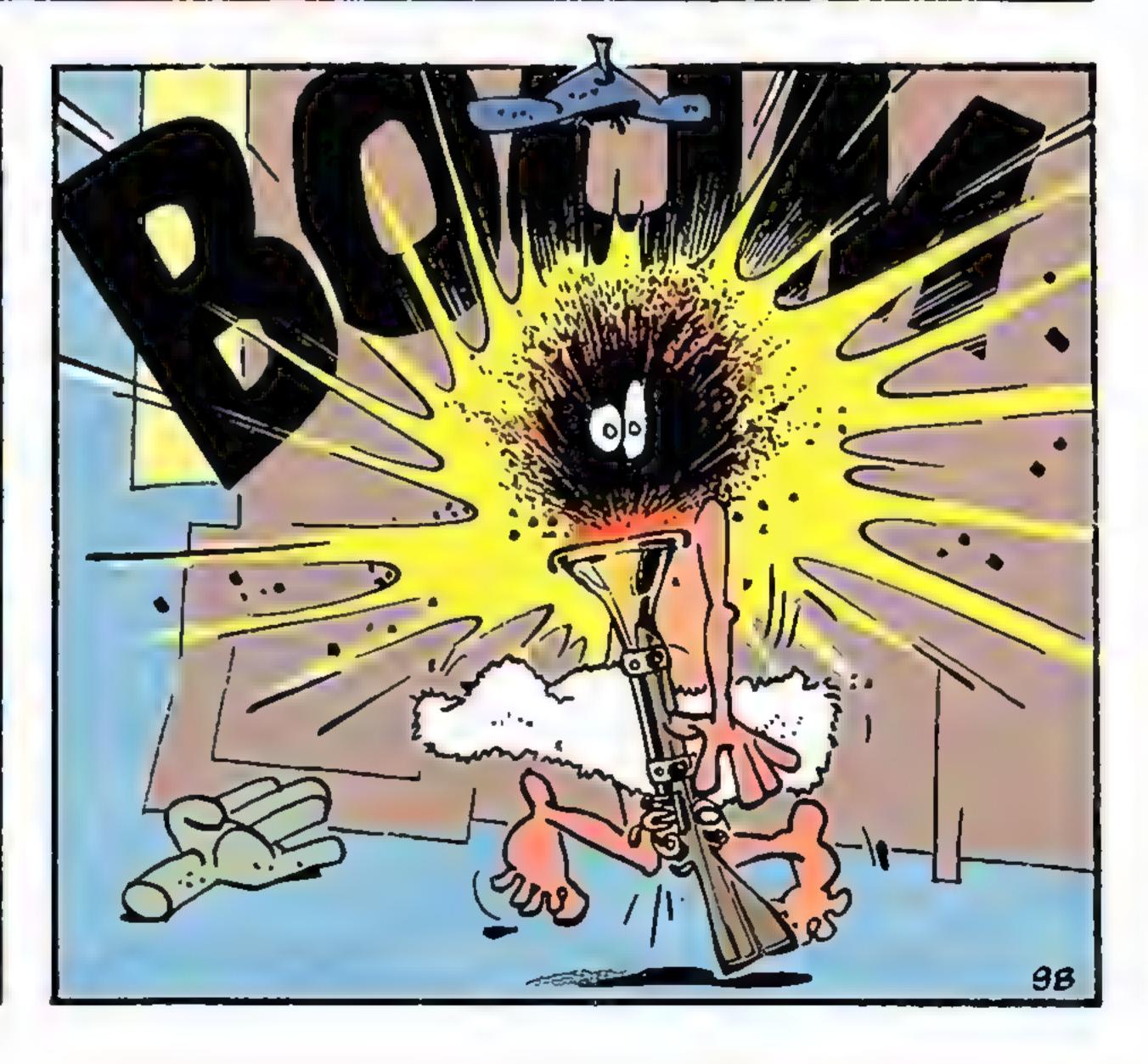


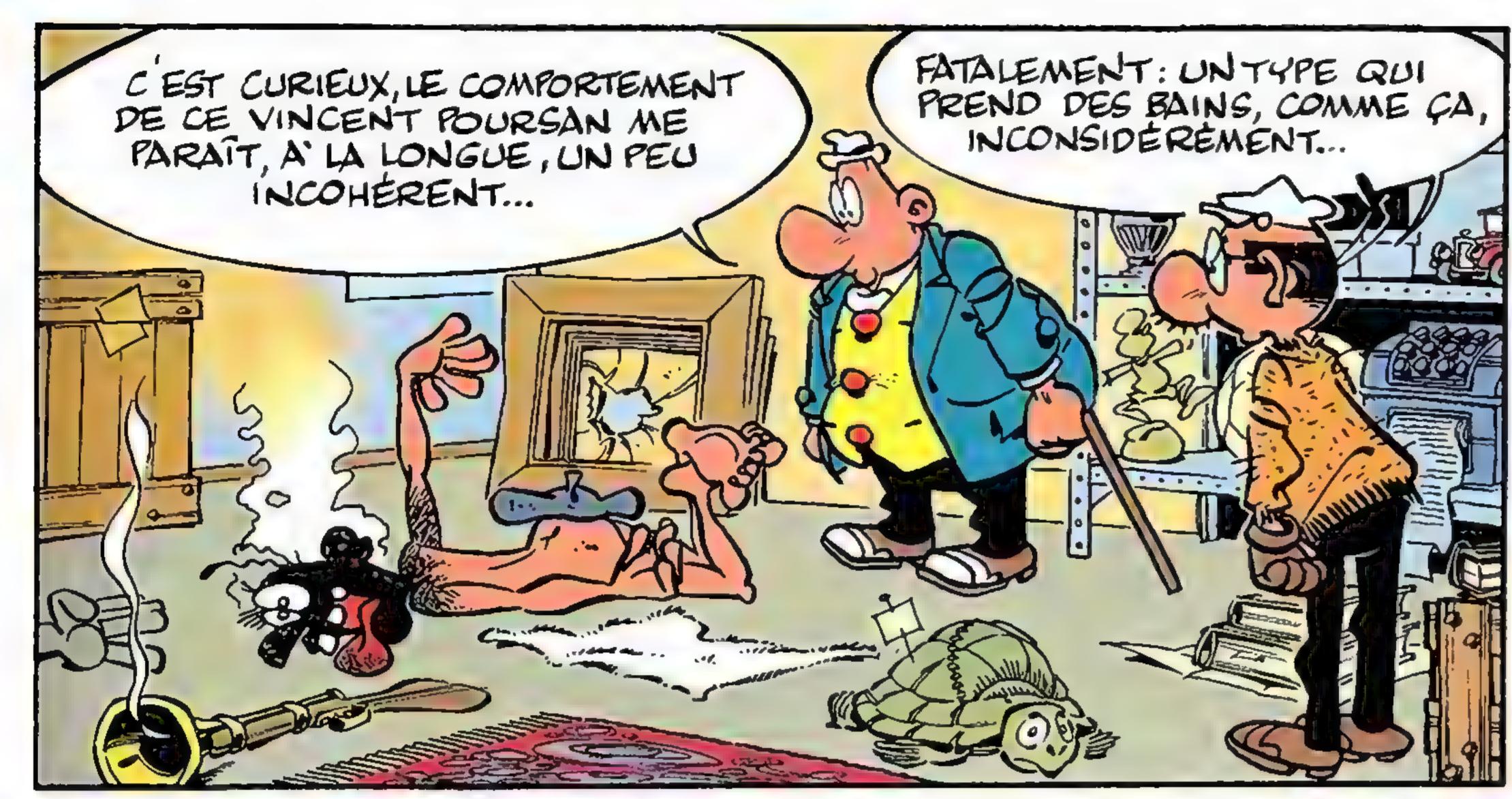


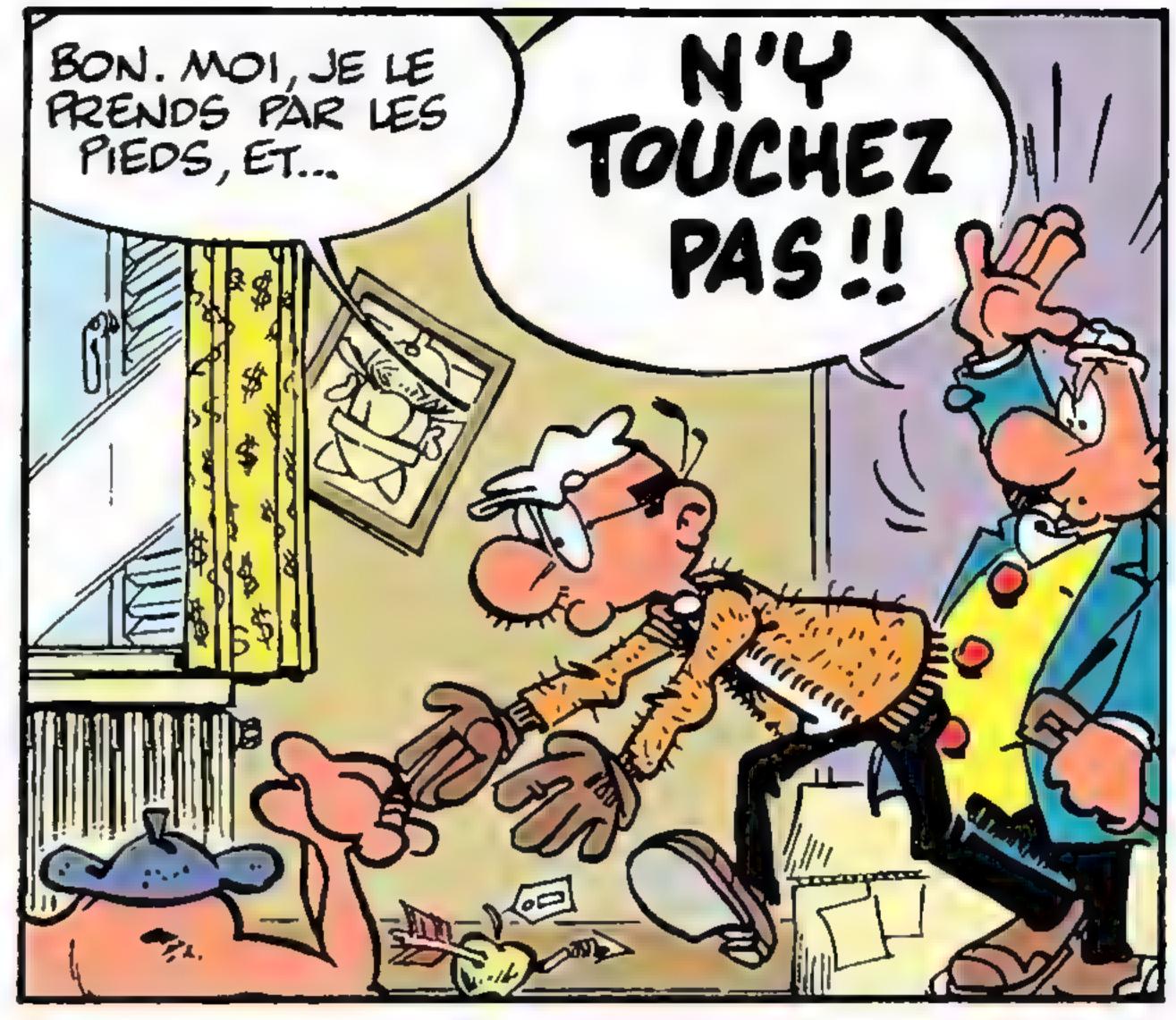




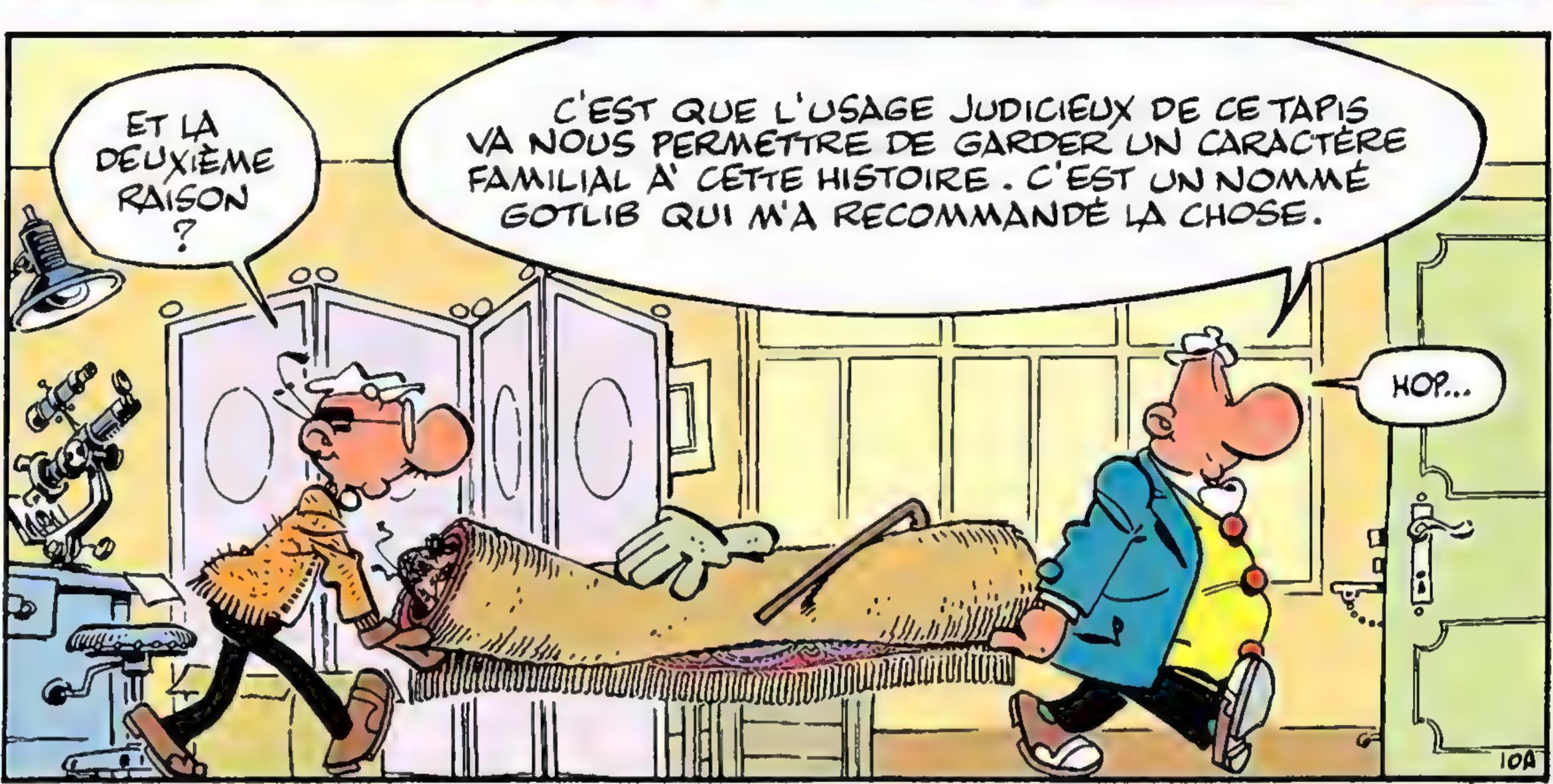


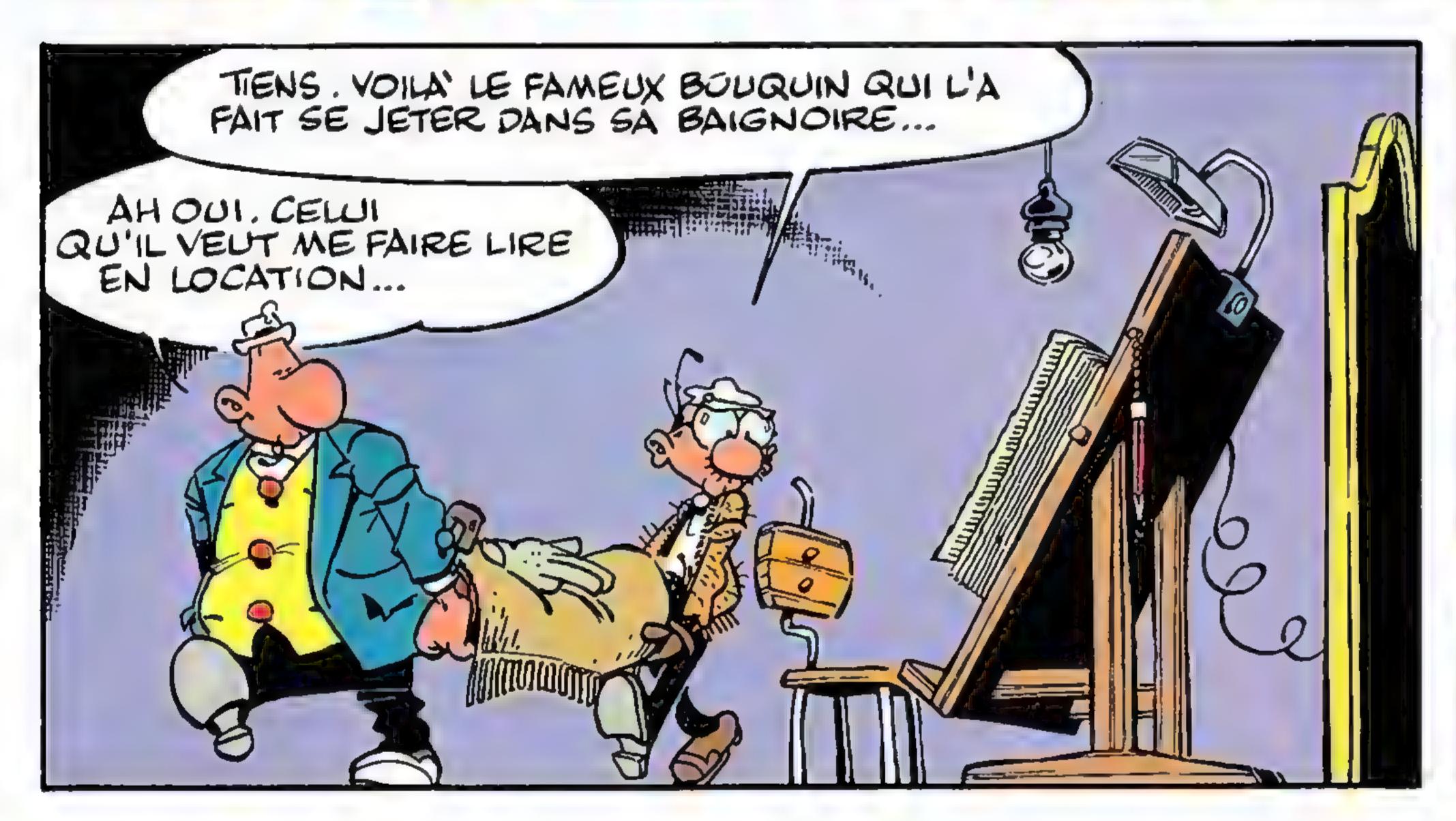




















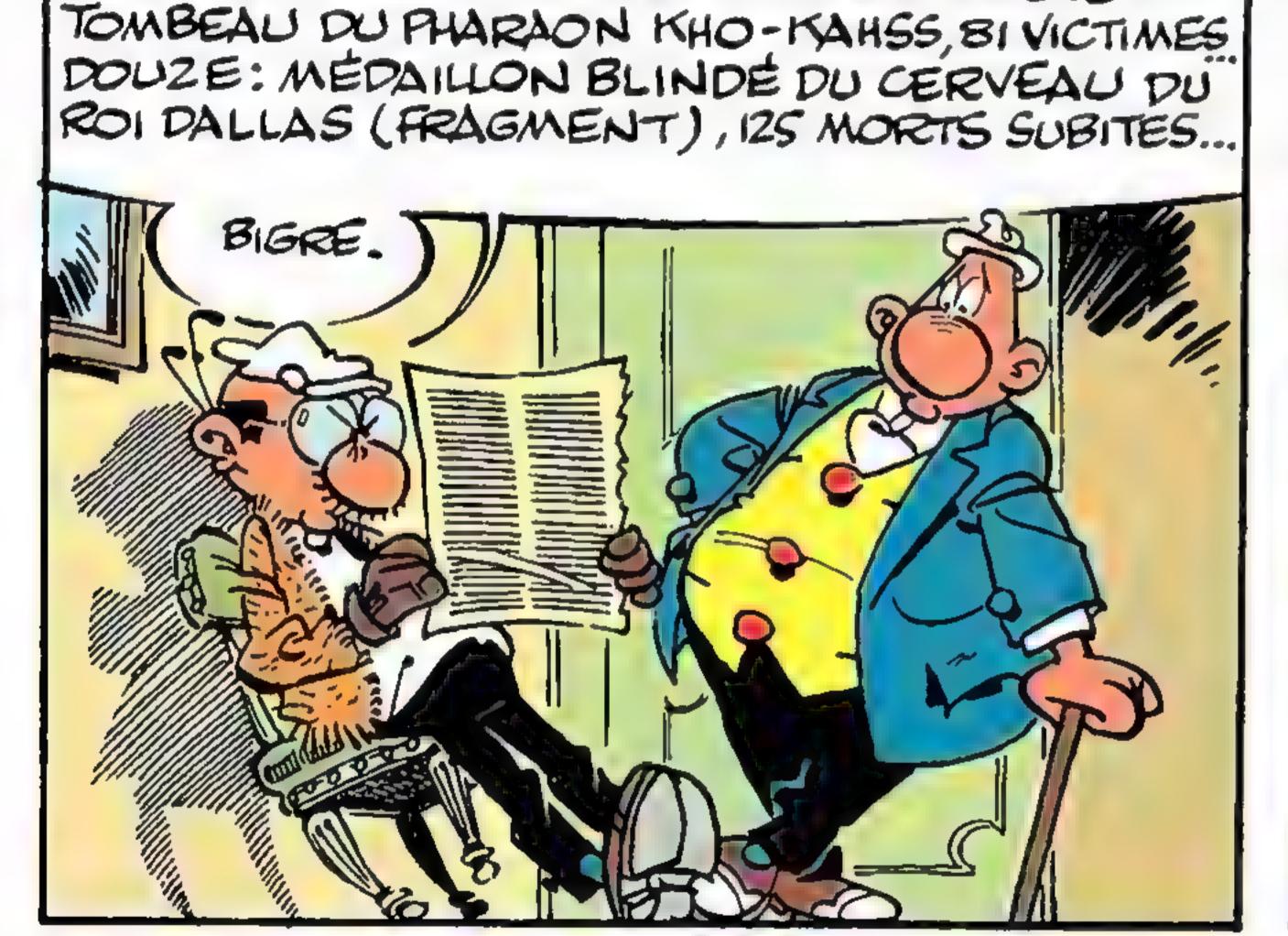








ET LES OBSÈQUES DU CHERCHEUR. TOUS SES HÉRITIERS, PUIS LES



AHBON .... MMH ... ONZE: PORTE SECRÉTE DU



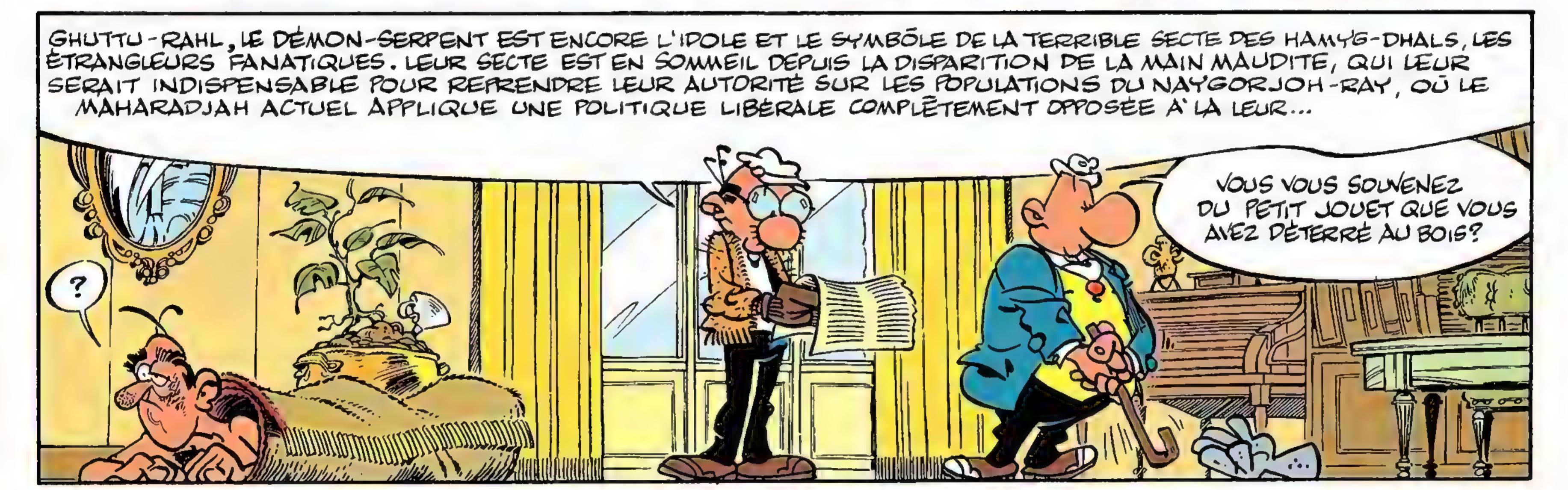










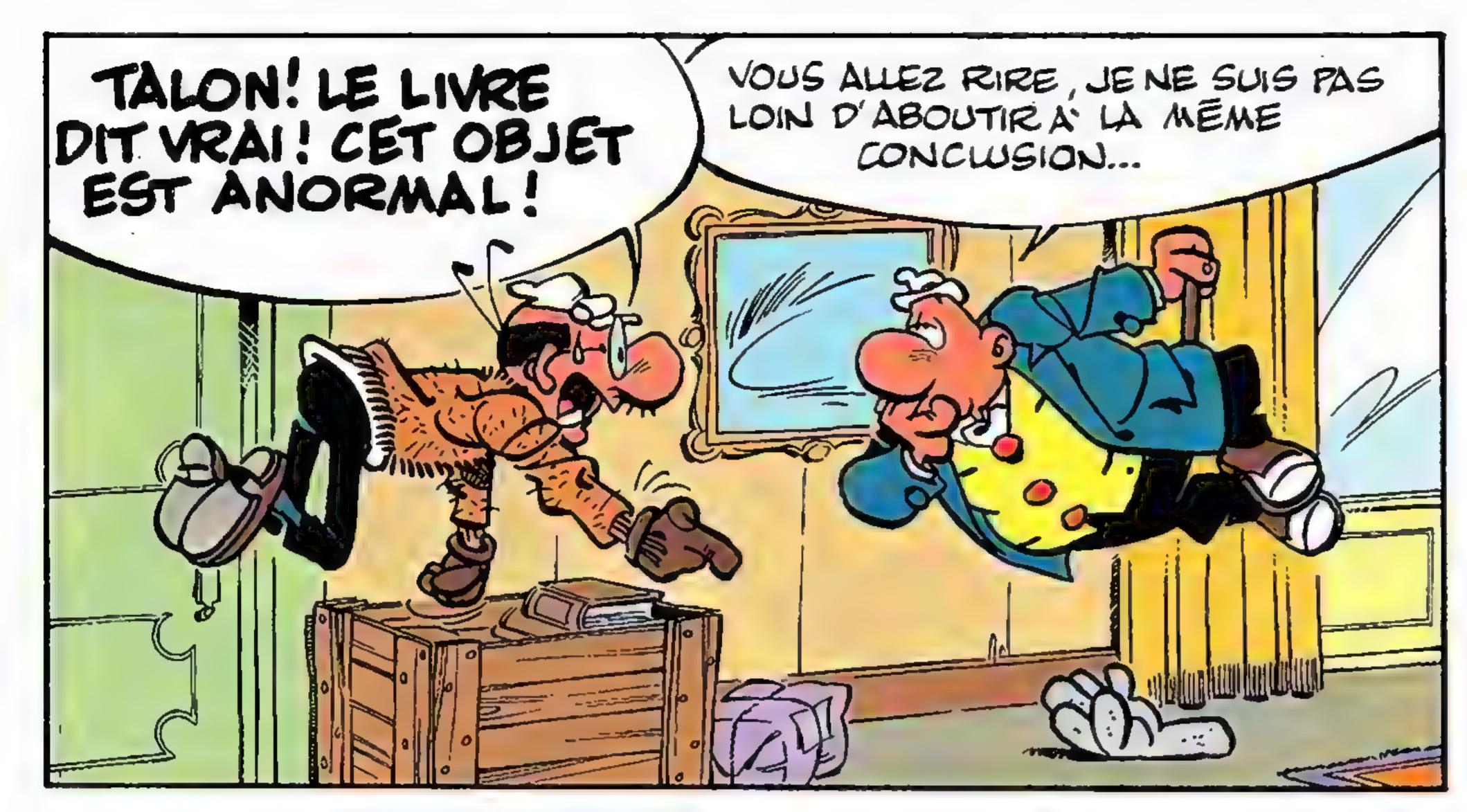






MAIS ENFIN, TALON, TOUT CELA N'EST





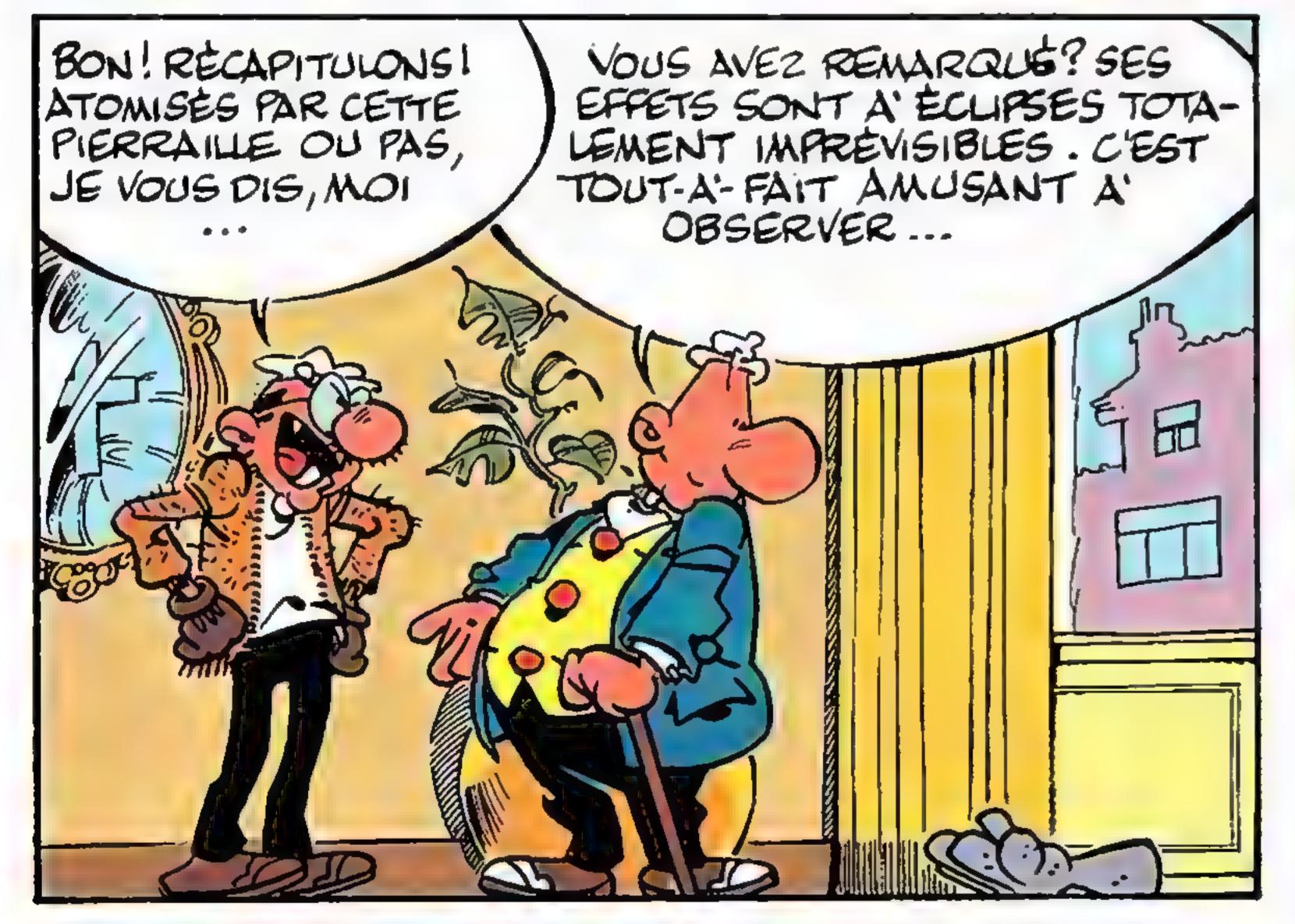






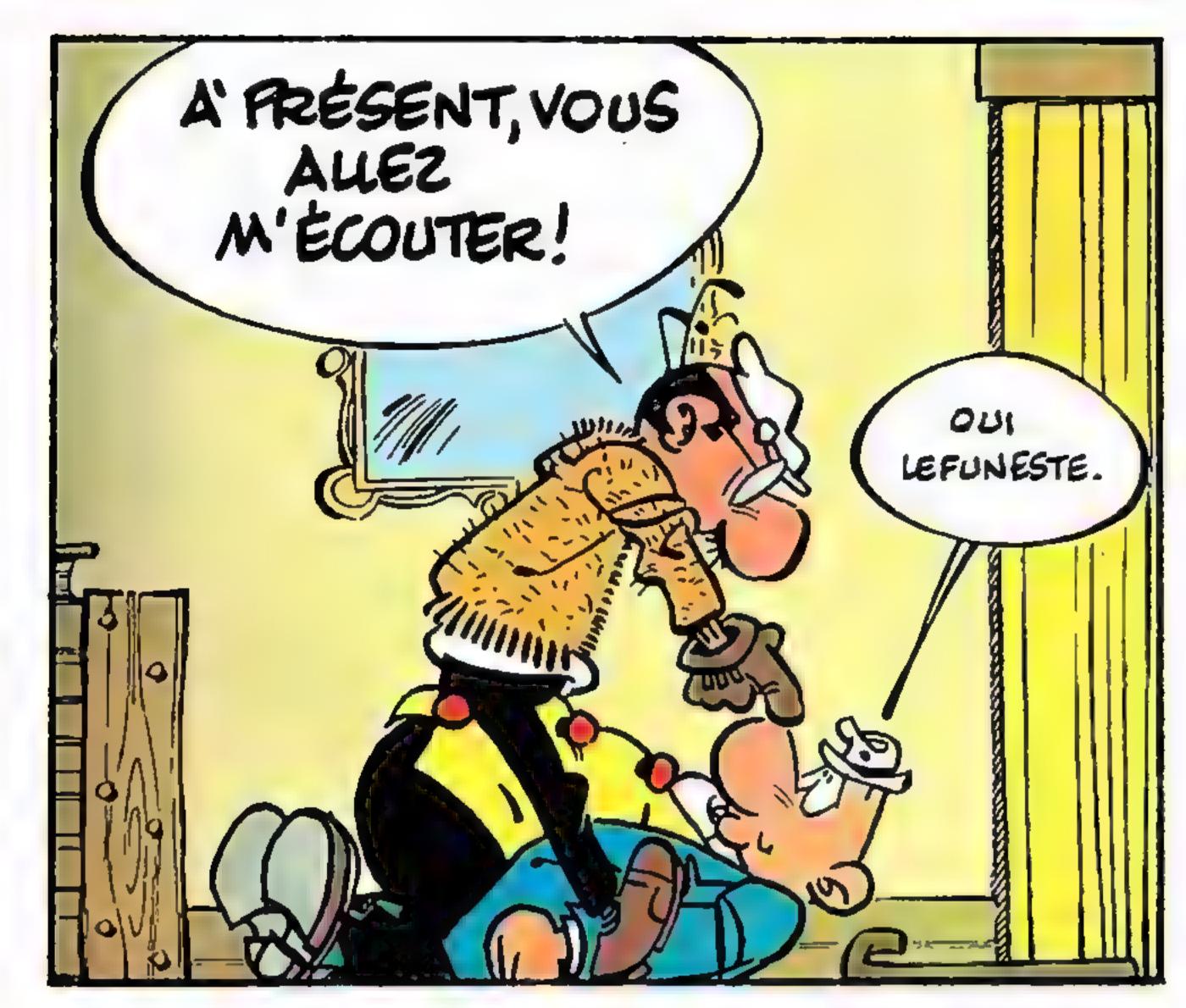






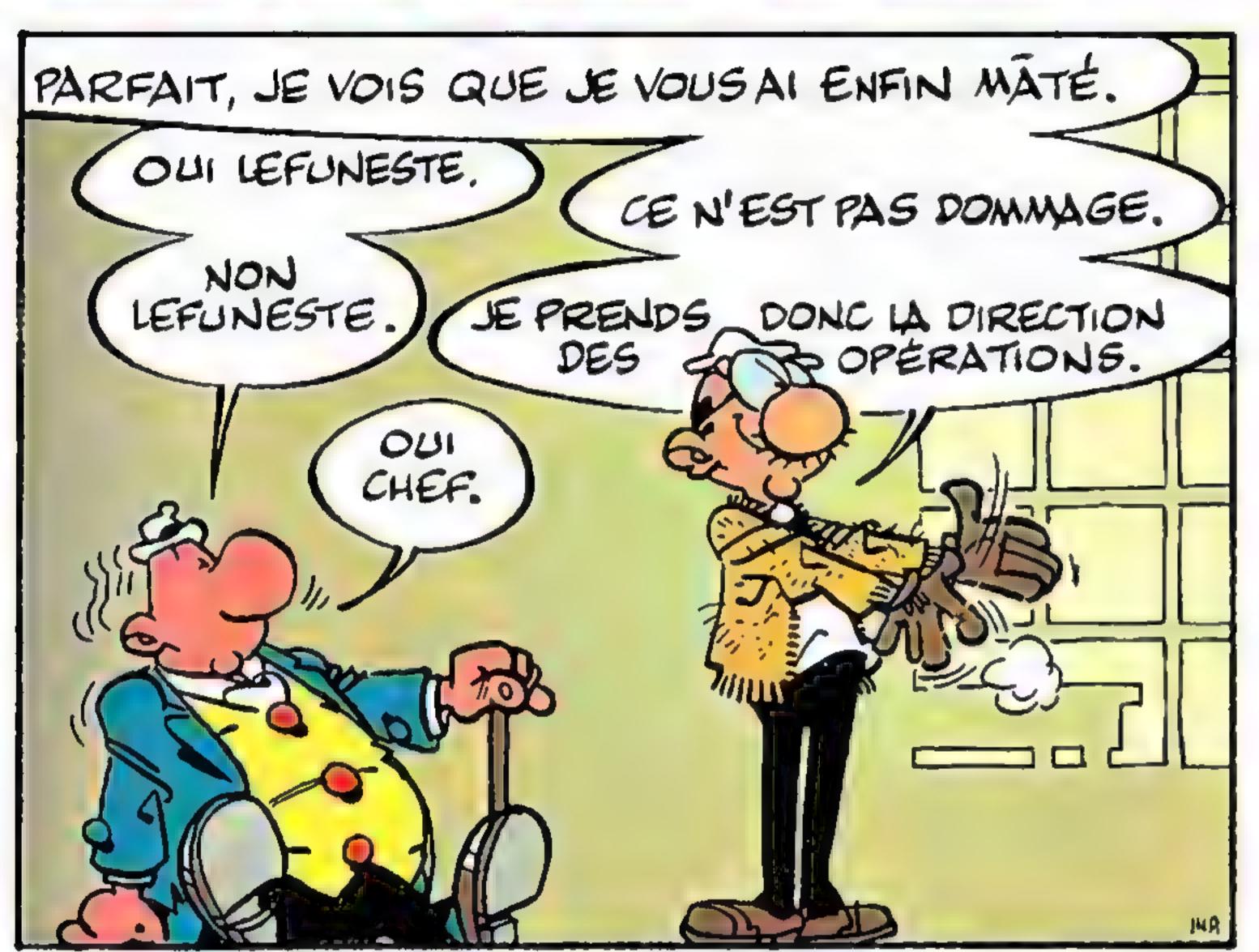








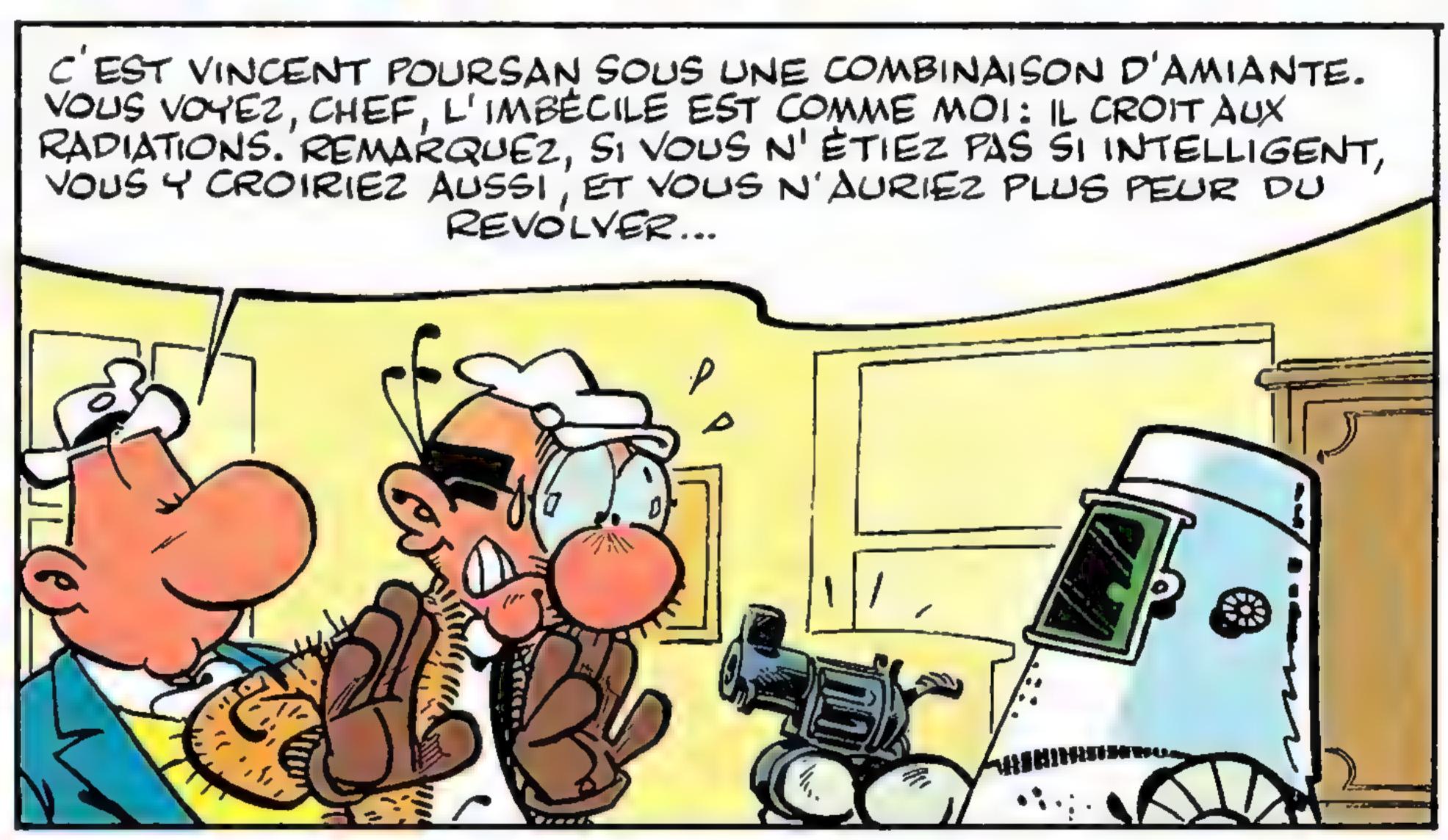




PAR MESURE DE SÉCURITÉ ET ENCORE QUE LA CHOSE SOIT RISIBLE, NOUS IRONS, EN SORTANT D'ICI, VOIR UN MÉDECIN À' QUI NOUS AVOUERONS AVOIR MANIPULÉ UN OBJET MALSAIN. NOUS EN SERONS QUITTES POUR DEUX OUTROIS PIQURES, C'EST TRES BANAL. VOUS PAYEREZ LES FRAIS. QUANT À' L'OBJET LUI-MÊME, NOUS L'ABANDONNERONS DISCRÉTEMENT ICI, ET SI LES ÉTRANGLEURS Y TIENNENT, ILS N'AURONT QU'À' VENIR L'Y CHERCHER. VOILA', TOUT EST ARRANGÉ. C'EST TRÈS SIMPLE.

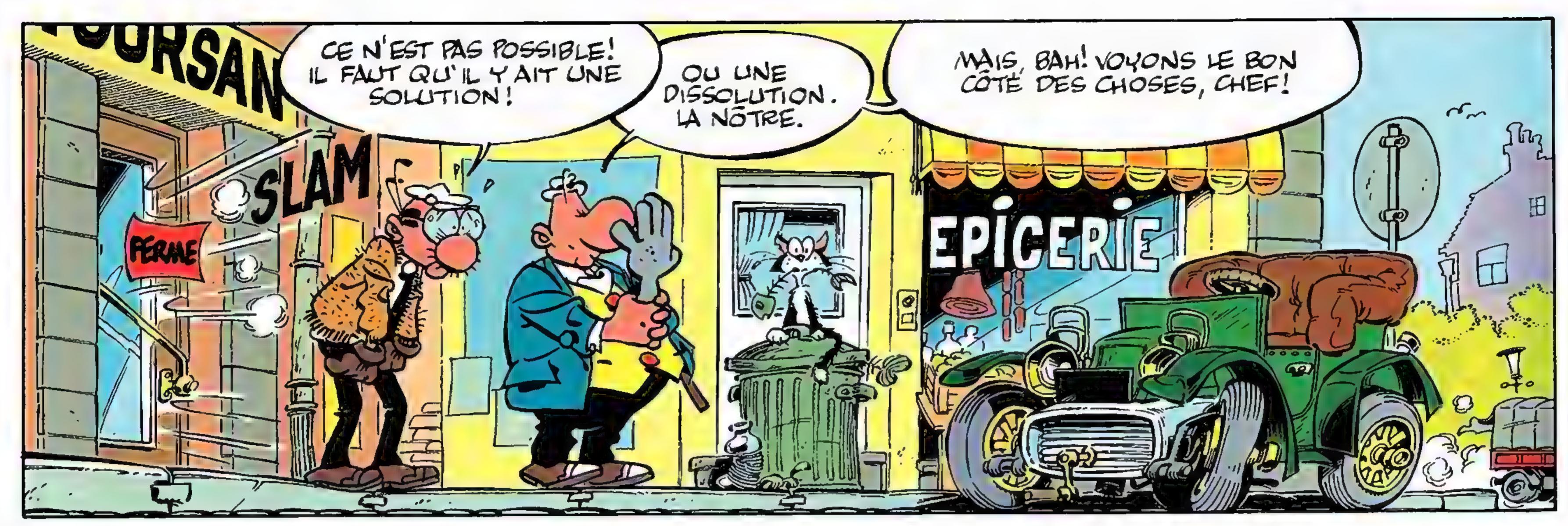






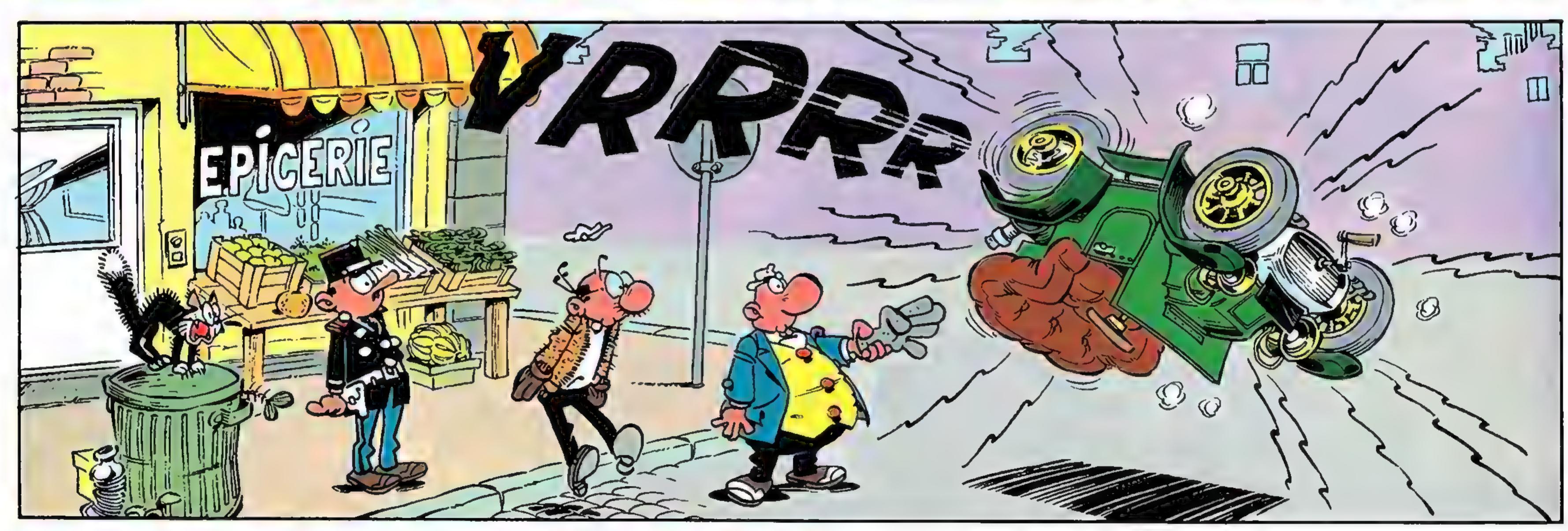


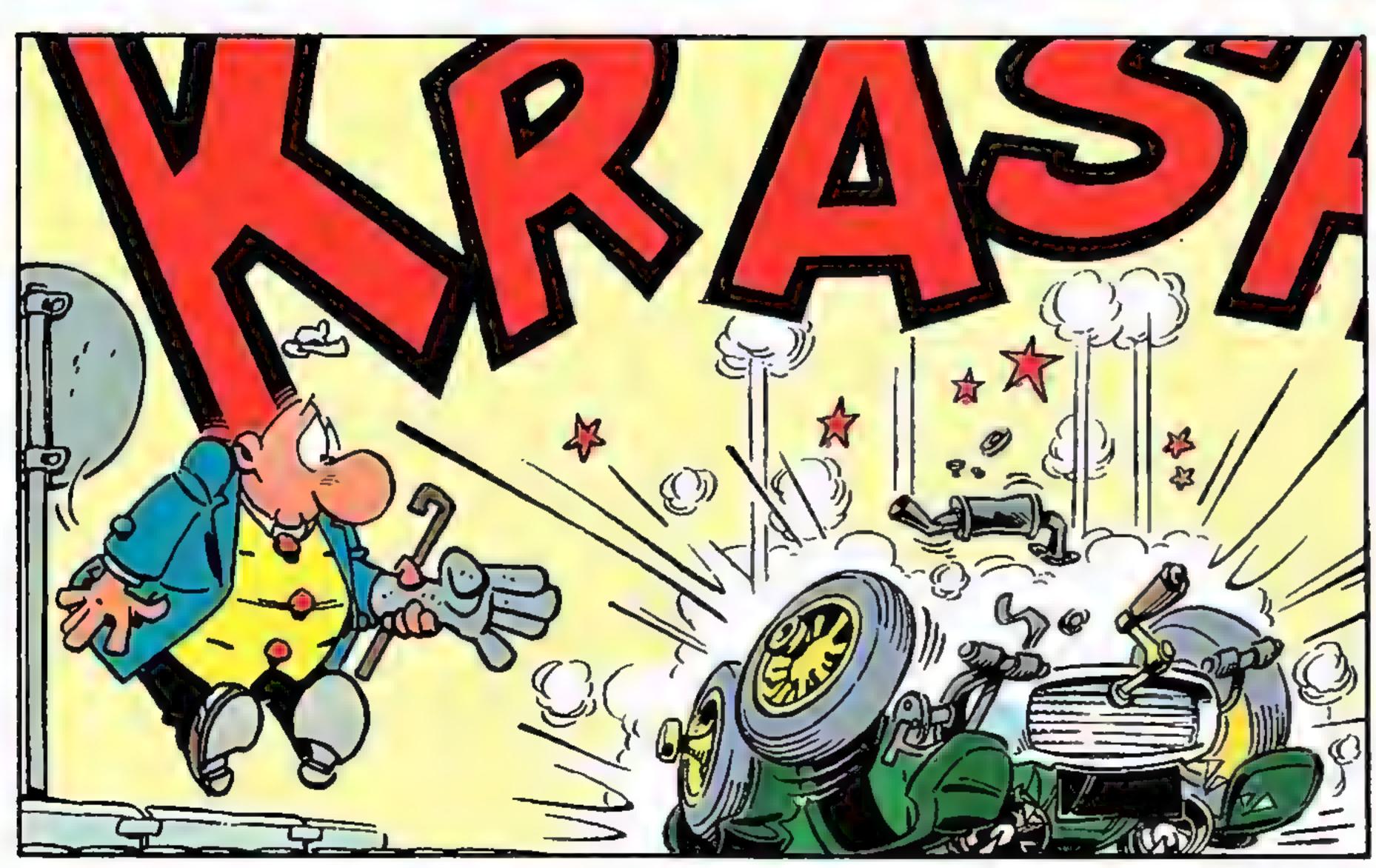






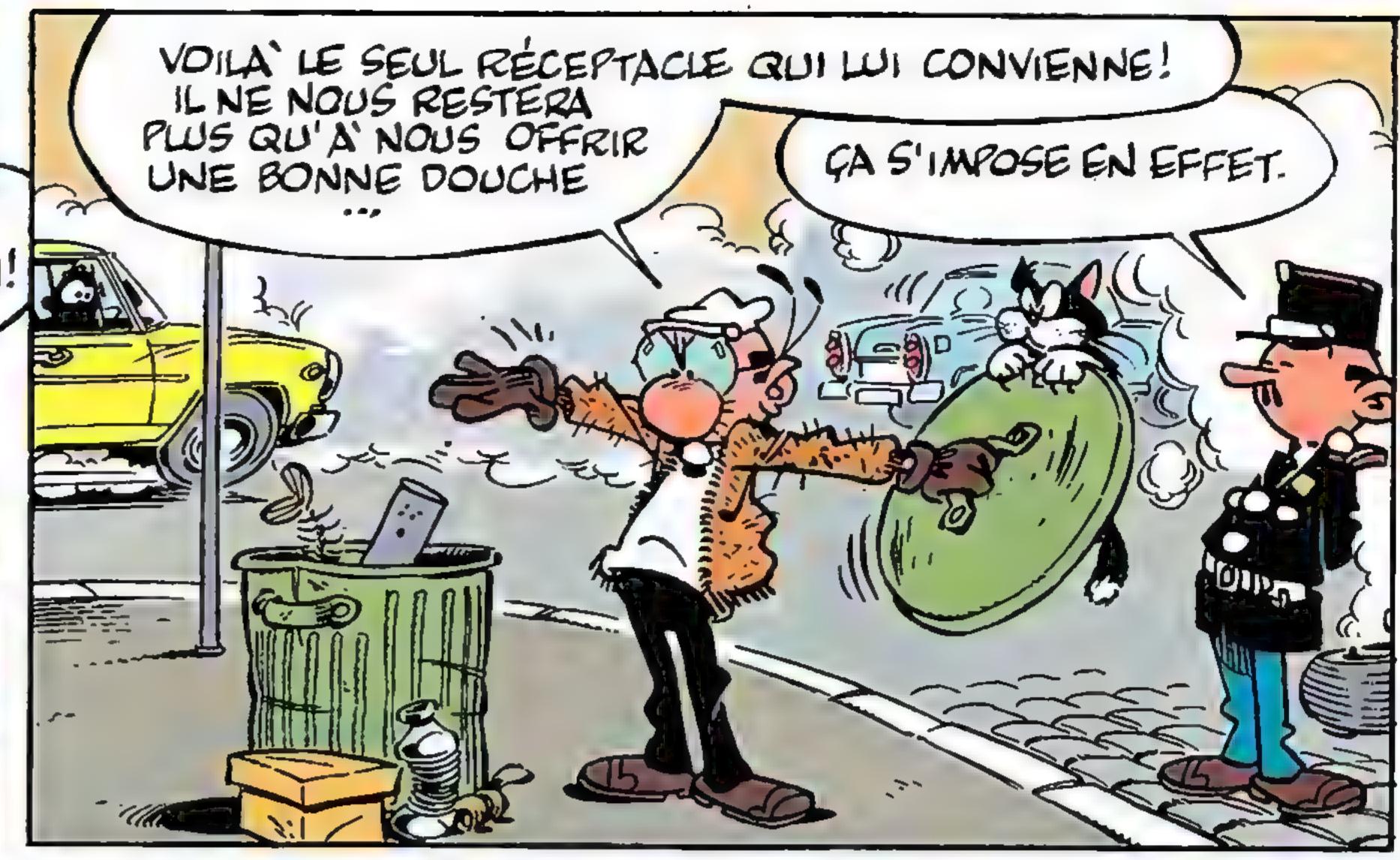






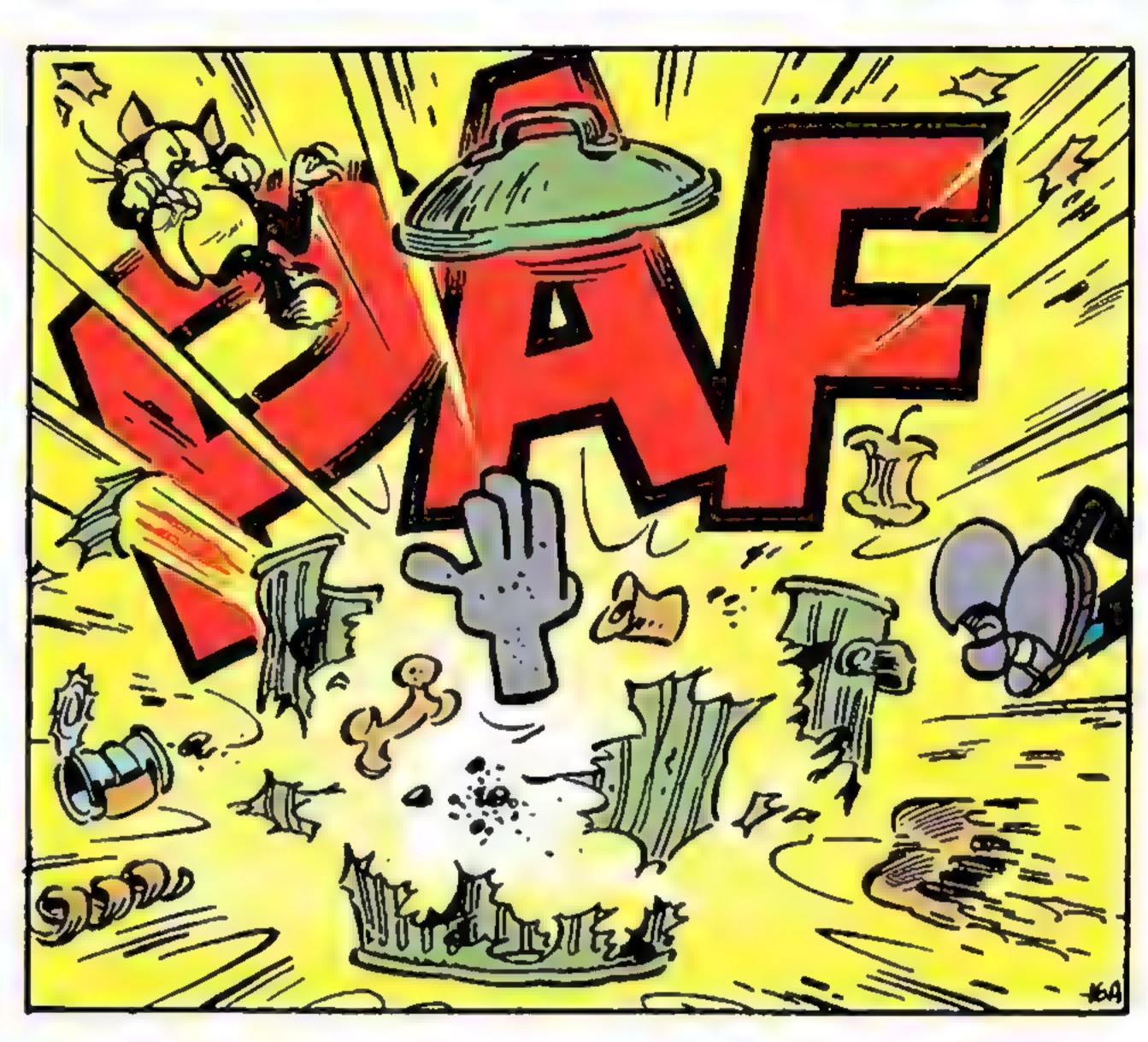


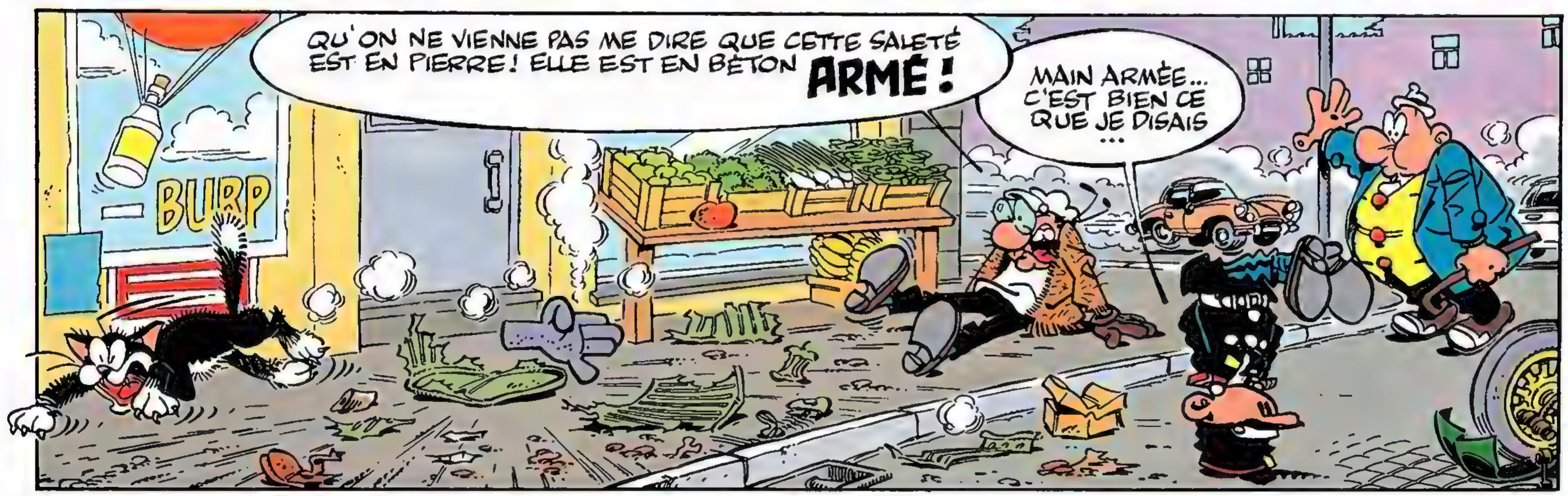










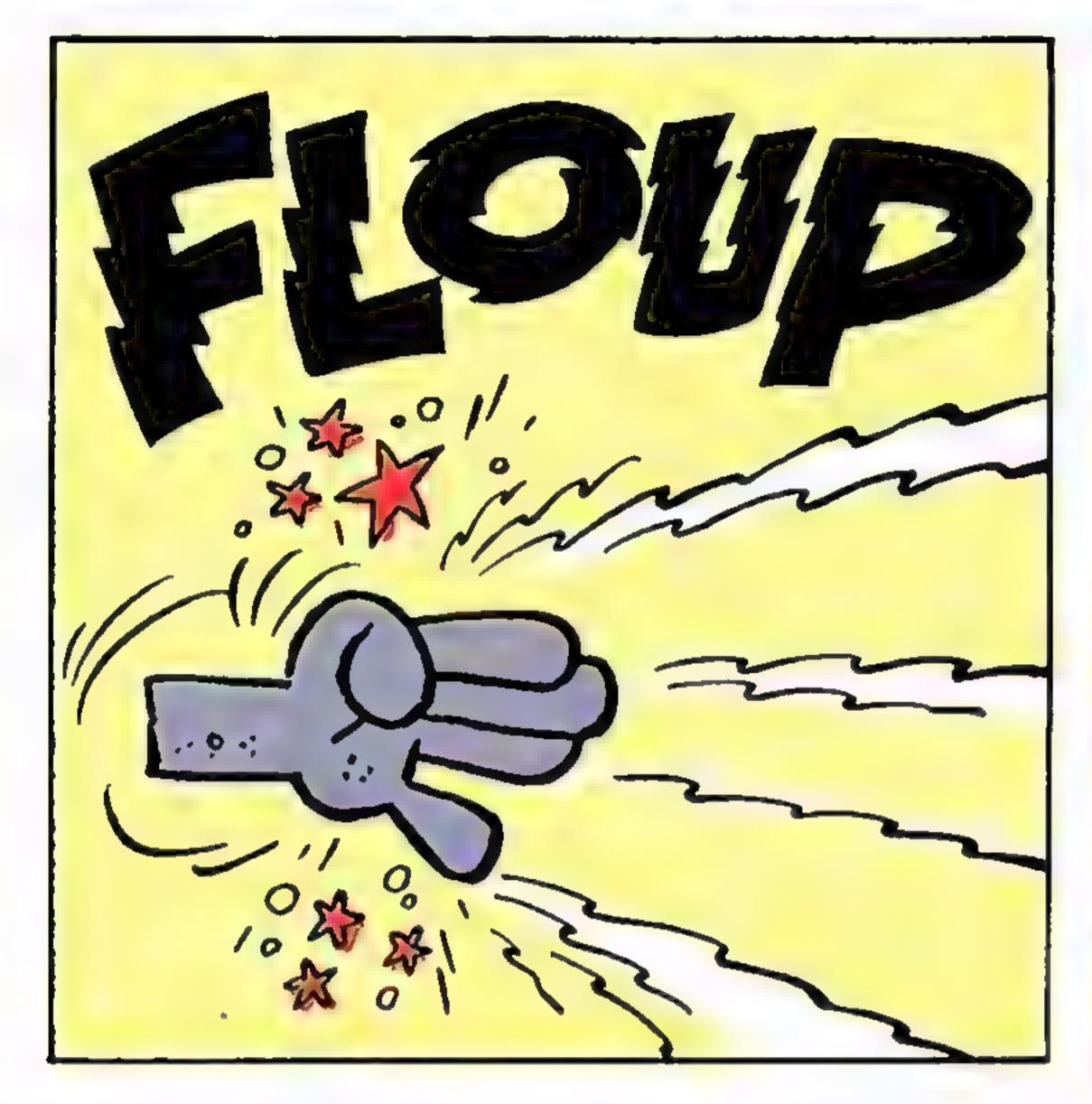


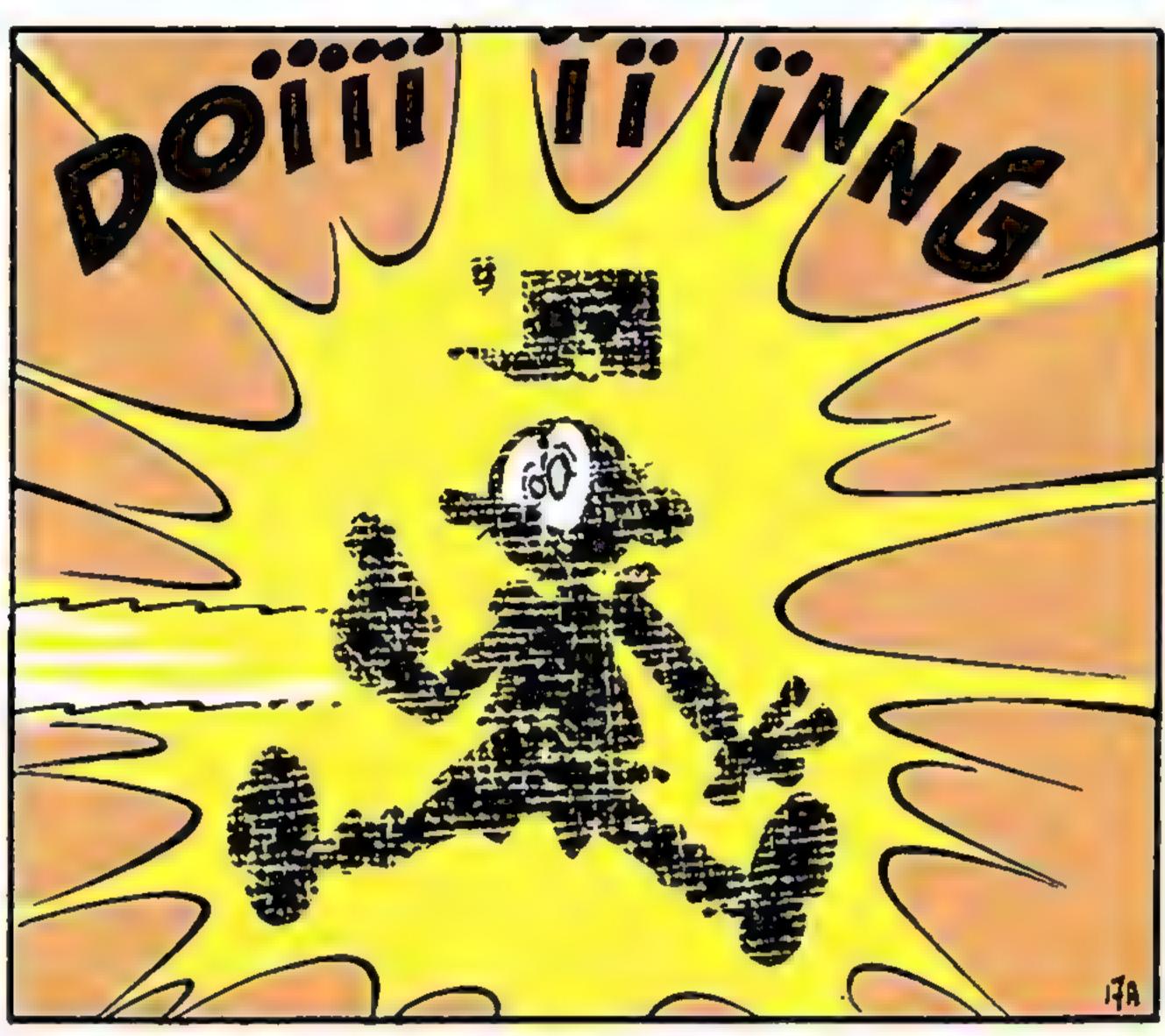




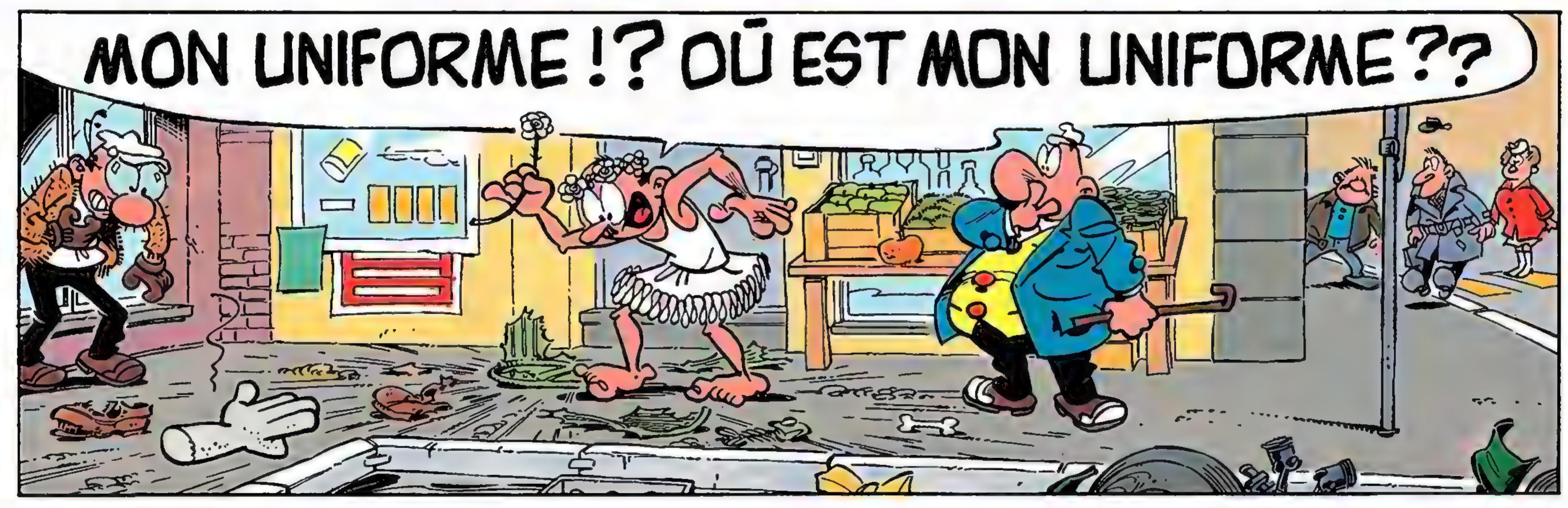




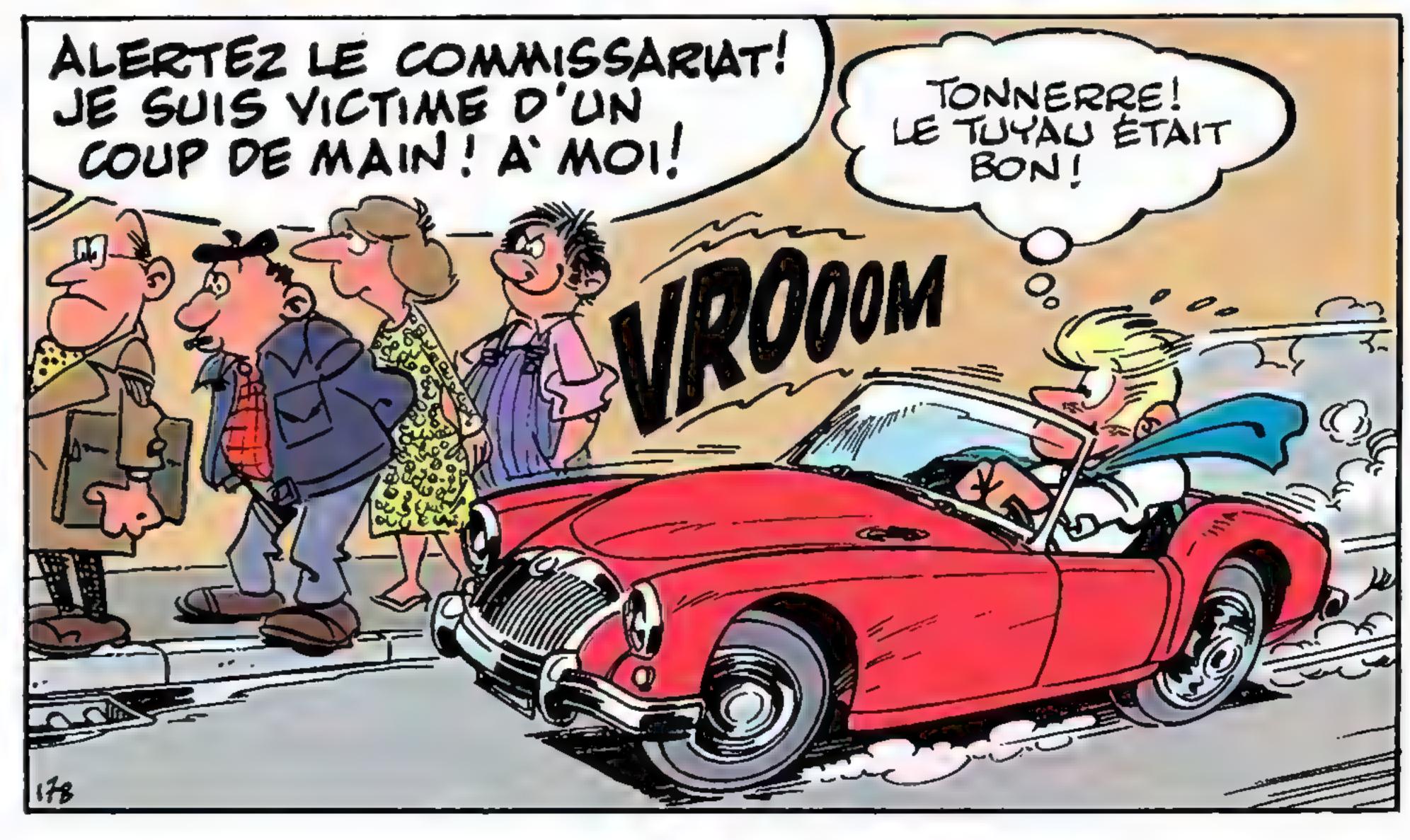


















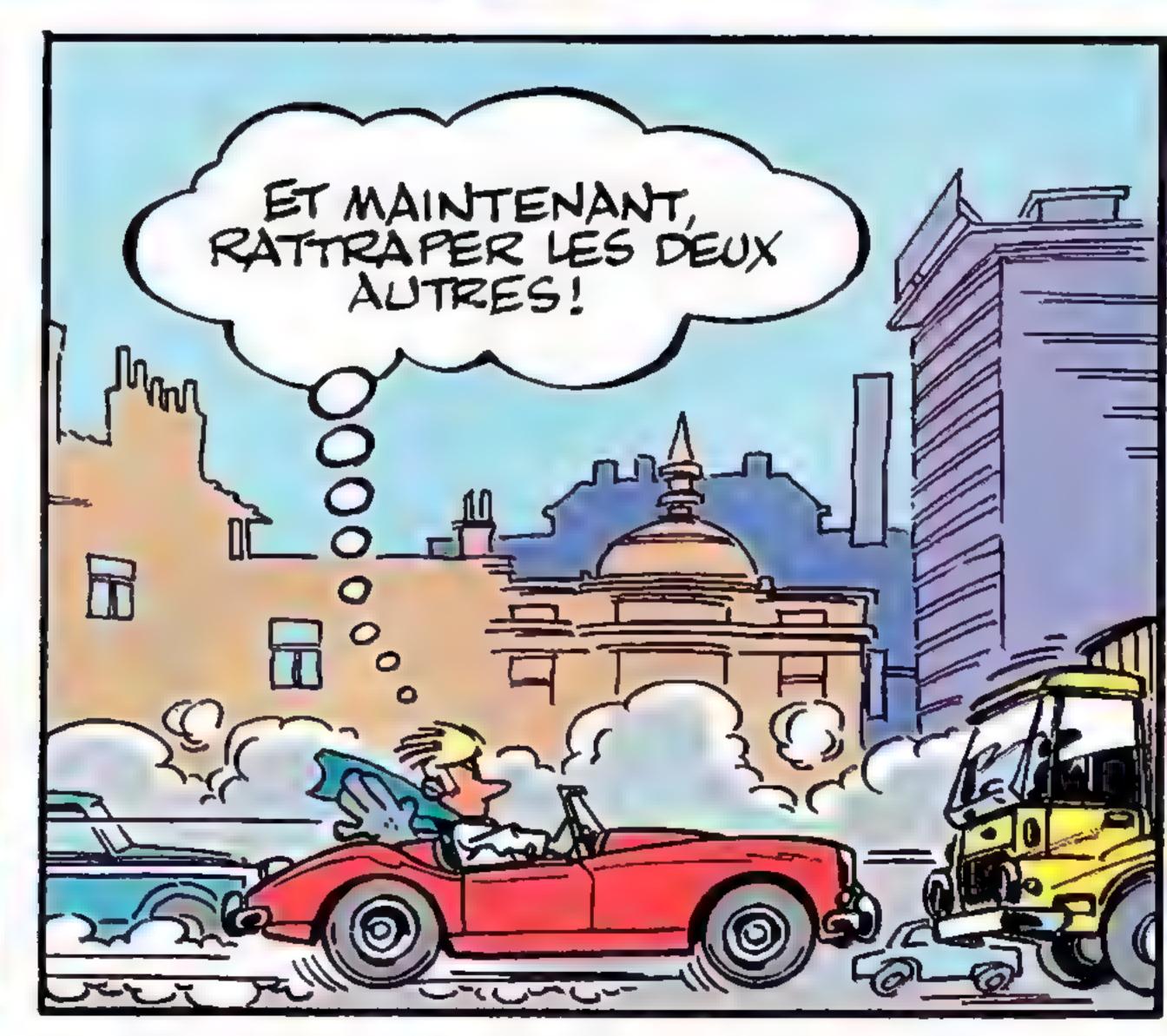


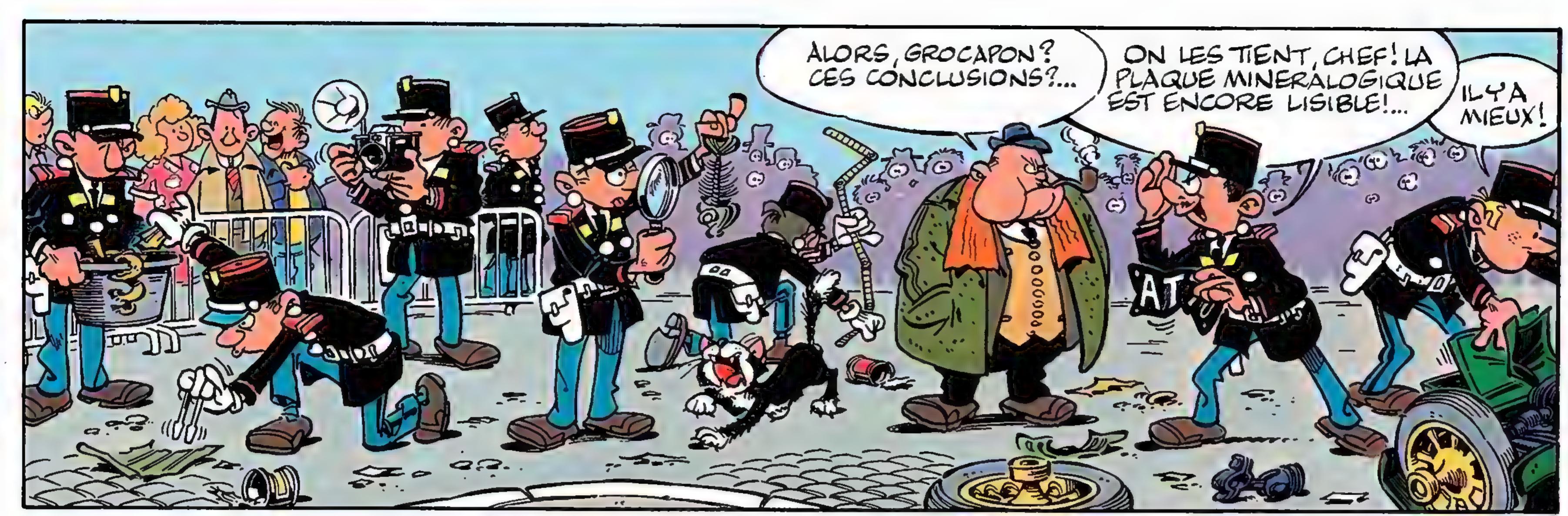








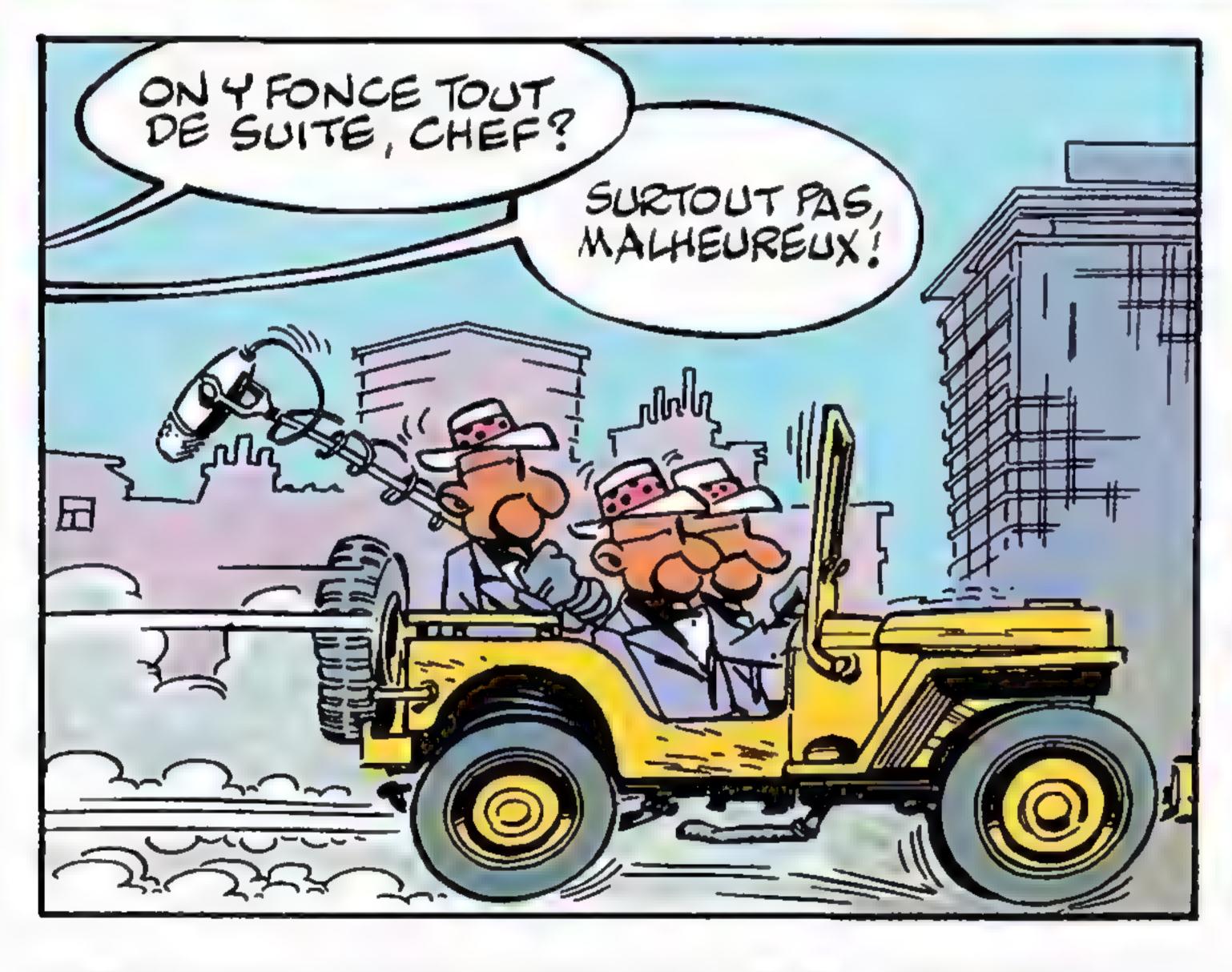














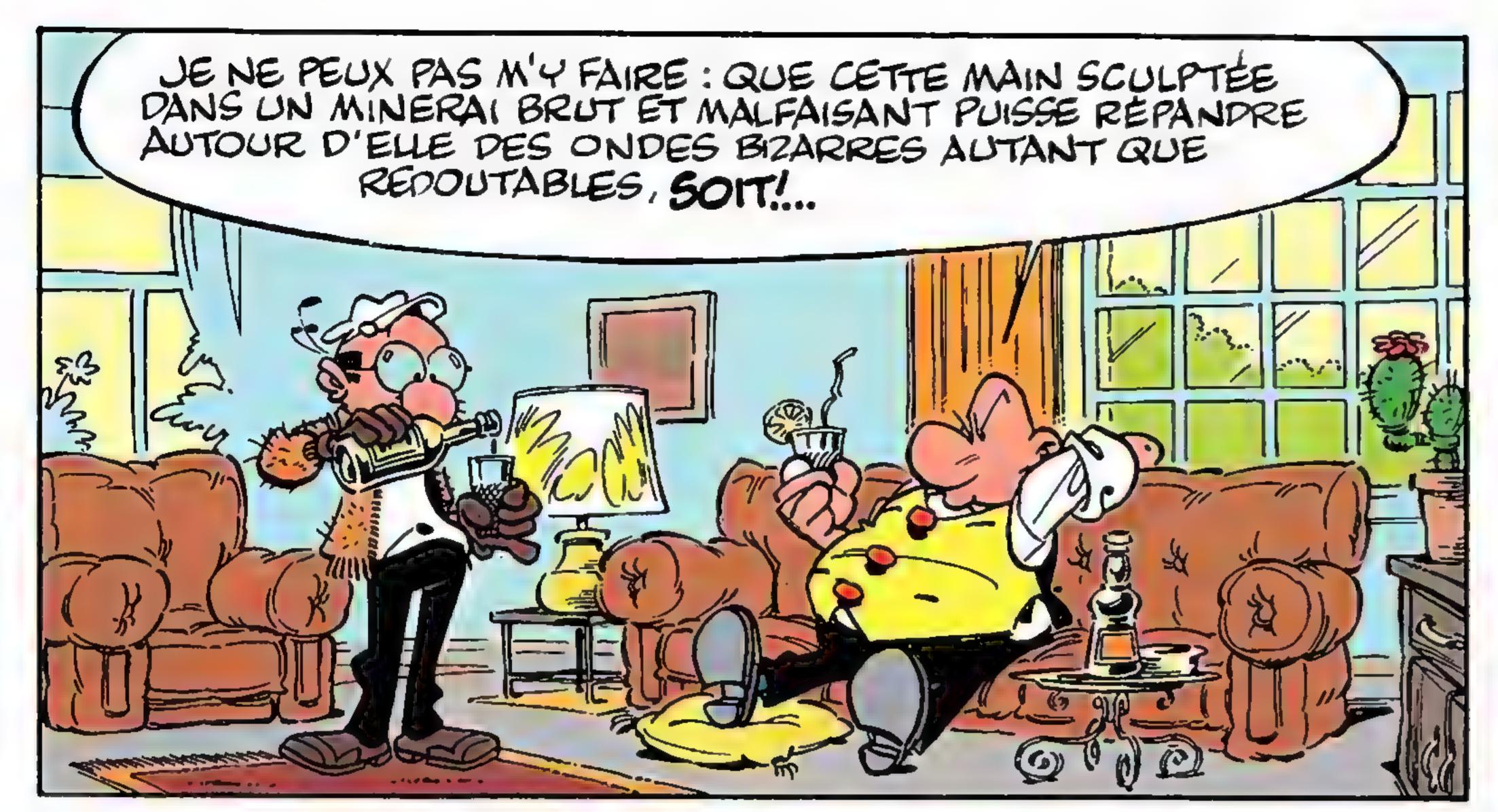
ASSURES QUE LE DOSSIER N'EST PAS DEJA' OUVERT A' LA D.S.T., OU RUE DES SAUSSAIES, ET P'EN AVOIR DISCRÉTEMENT\_AVISE LA PLACE BEAUVAU ET L'HOTEL DE VILLE ... ÉVITONS LES BAVURES! ET C'EST ALORS QU'ON FONCE, CHEF

IMMEDIATEMENT APRÈS NOUS ETRE

REMPLIR LES FORMULAIRES POUR UNE BRIGADE D'ASSAUT, UN FOURGON CELLULAIRE, UN MEGA-PHONE, ENSUITE, DUCAFARD, PLUS D'HESITATION: LA SECURITE PUBLIQUE AVANT TOUT, DONC ...









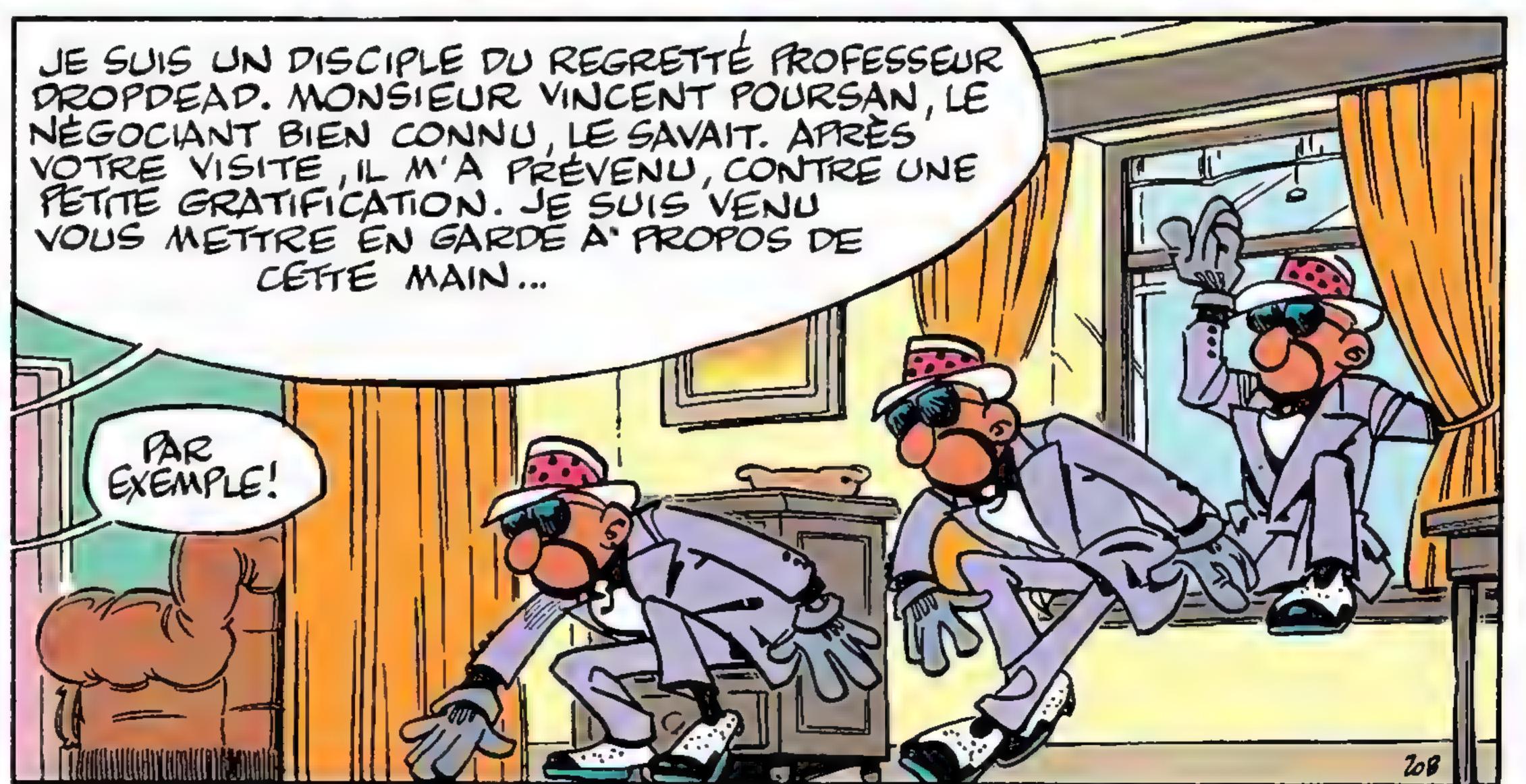
















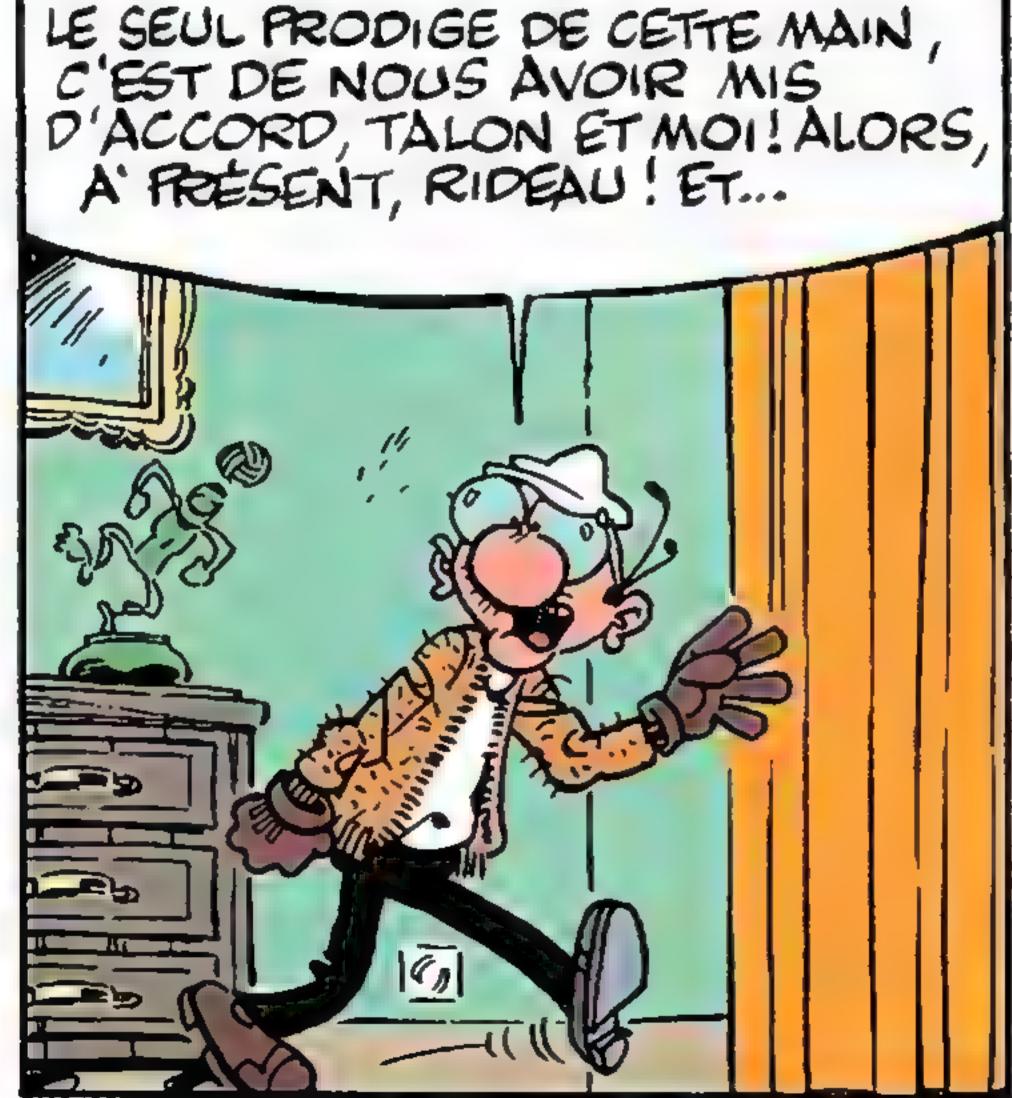






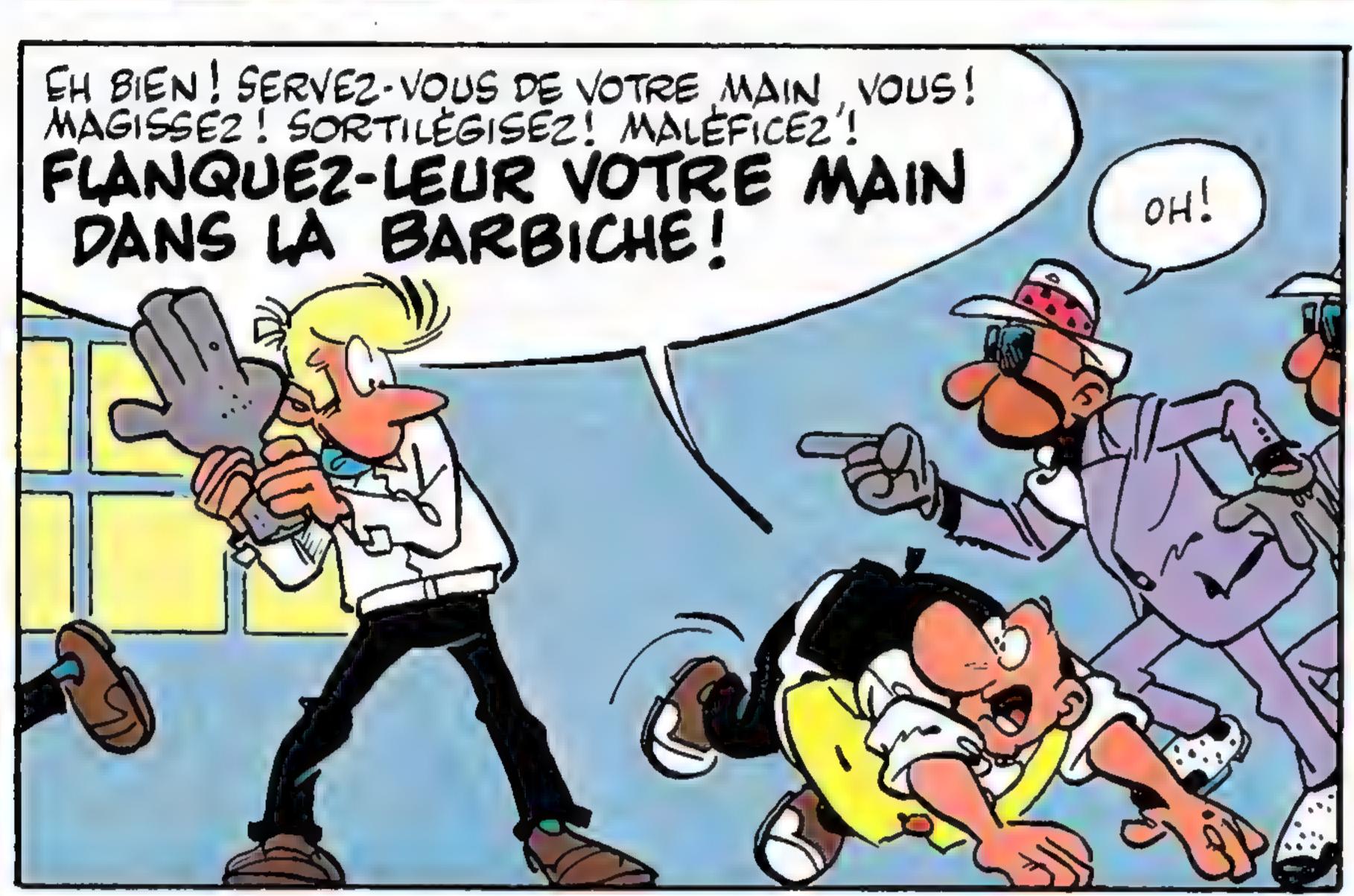


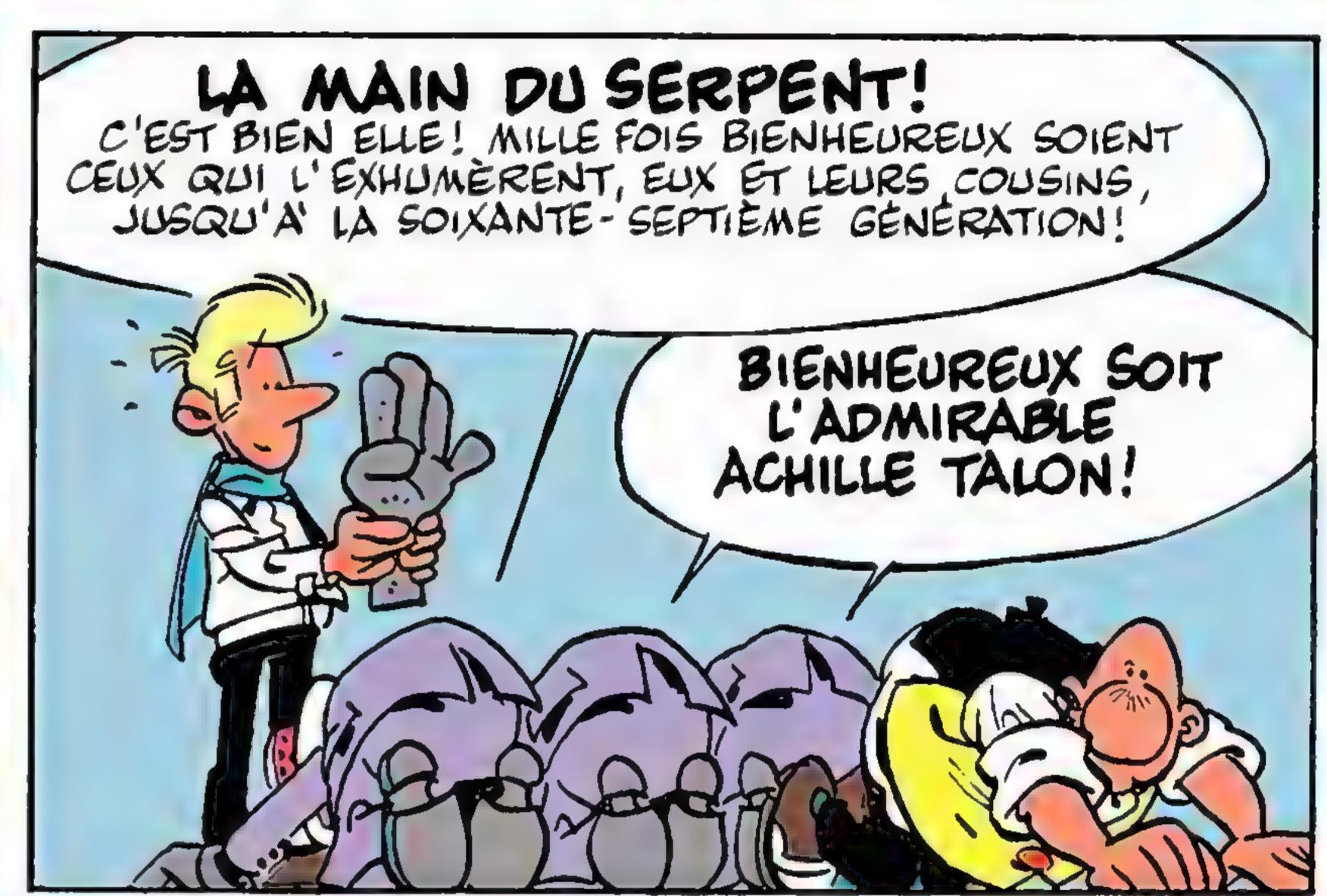






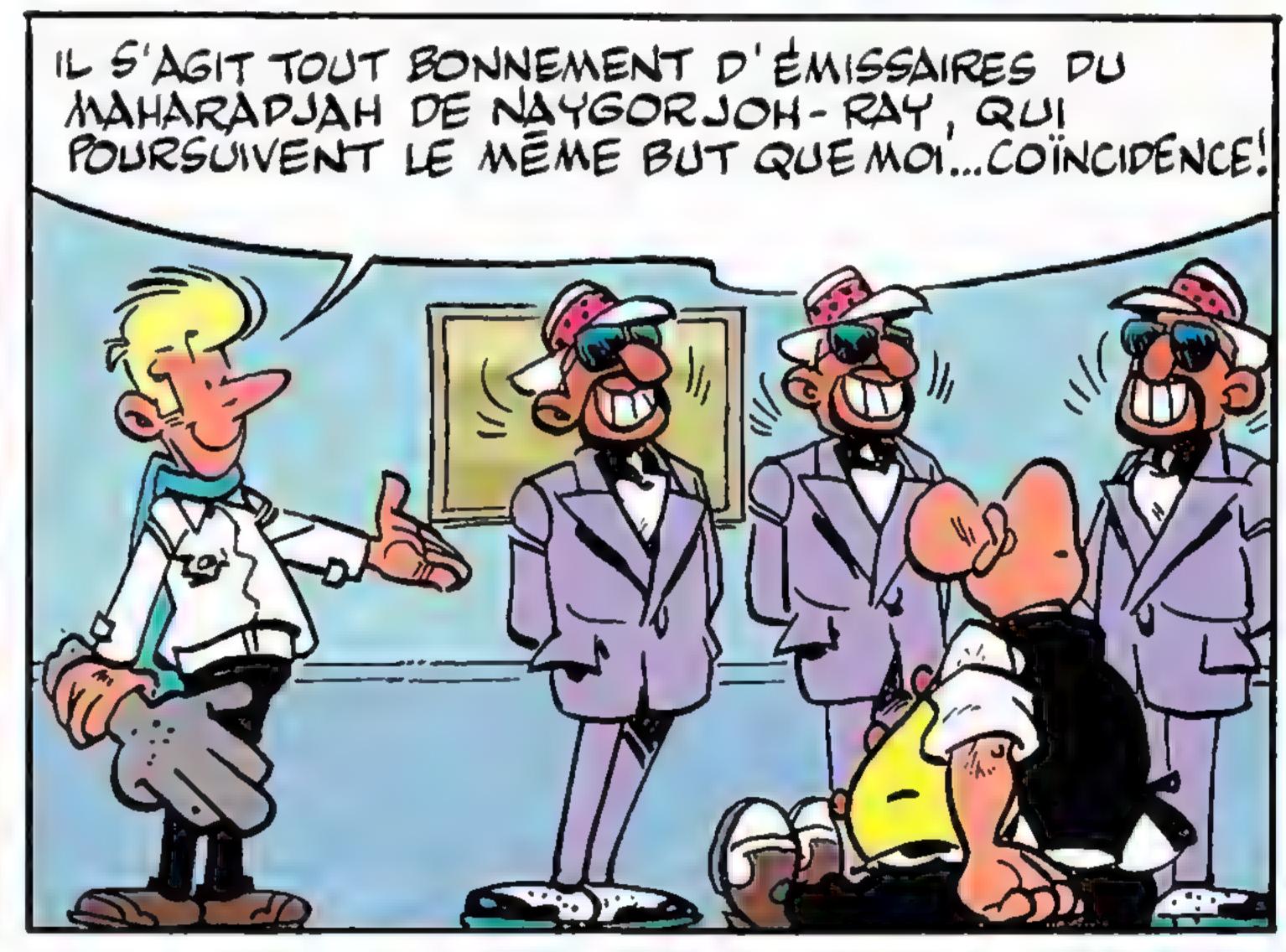


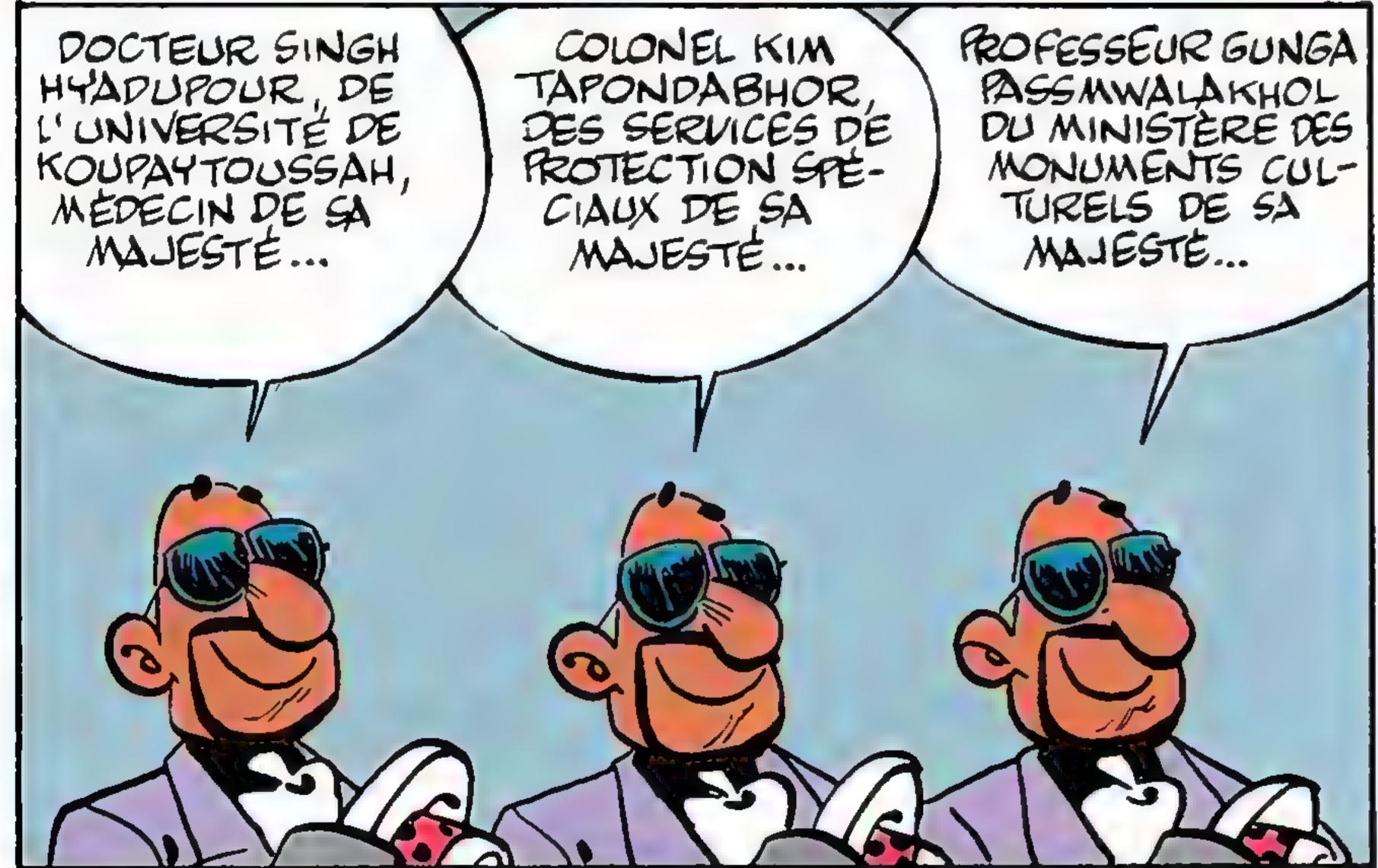


















































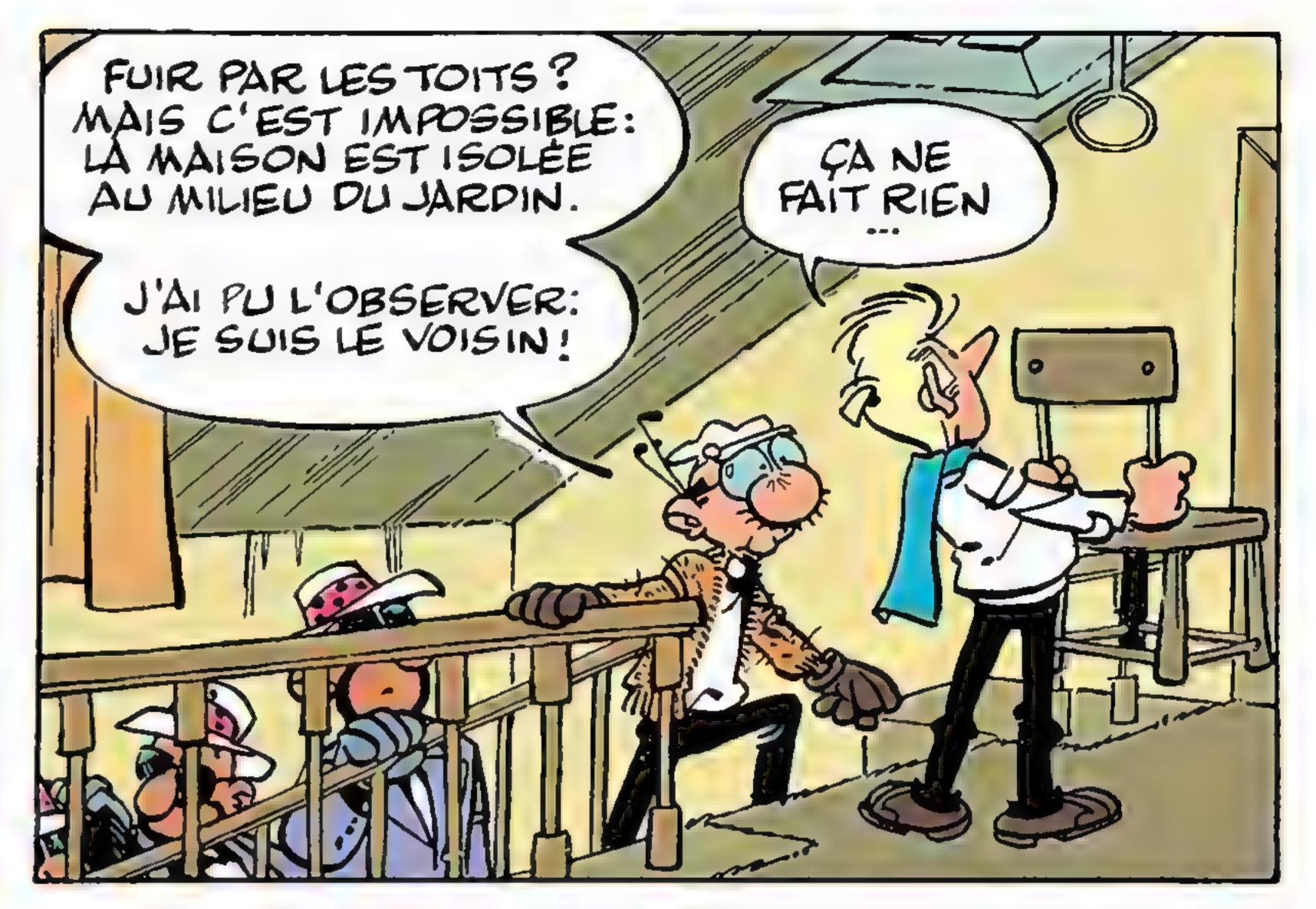


C'EST LA MAIN COURANTE, CHEZLES ÉTRANGLEURS DE



FORBANS, C'EST LE COMMISSAIRE LABERRANT QUI PARLE!

J'AI LA SITUATION EN MAIN! TENEZ LES VOTRES HAUTES ET VIDES EN SORTANT UN PAR UN. VOUS AVEZ UNE MINUTE. AUDELA DE CE DÉLAI, TANT PIS POUR VOUS, JE M'EN LAVERAI LES MAINS!

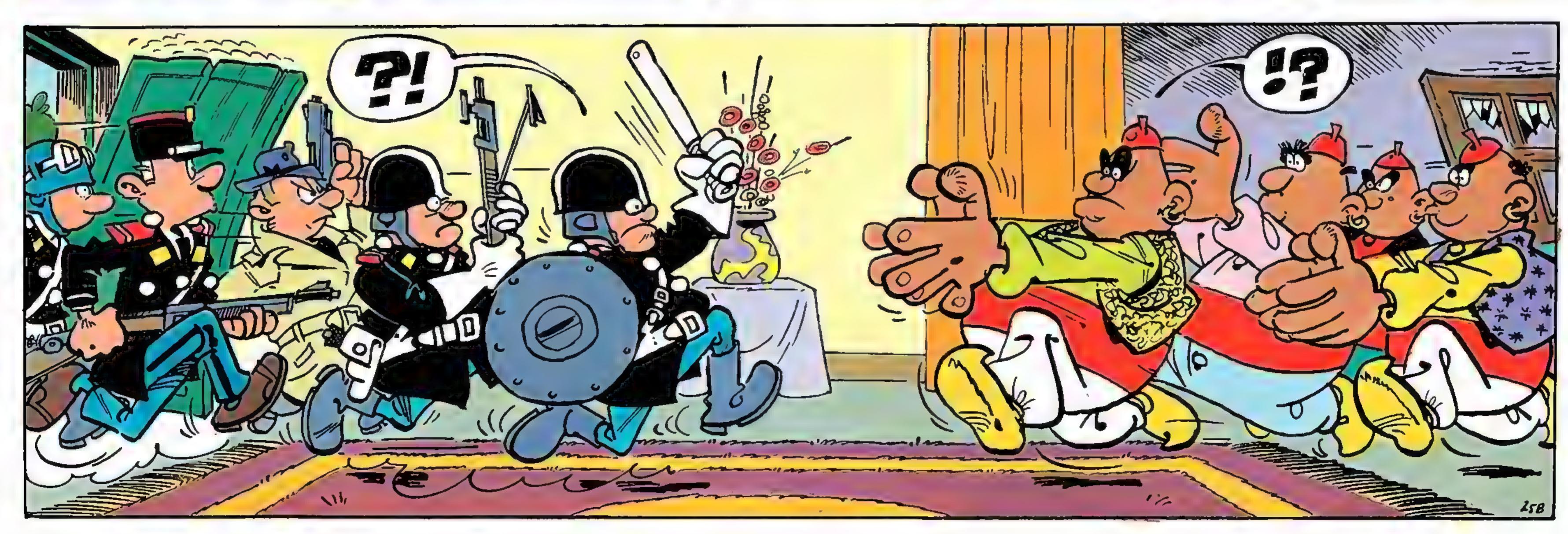










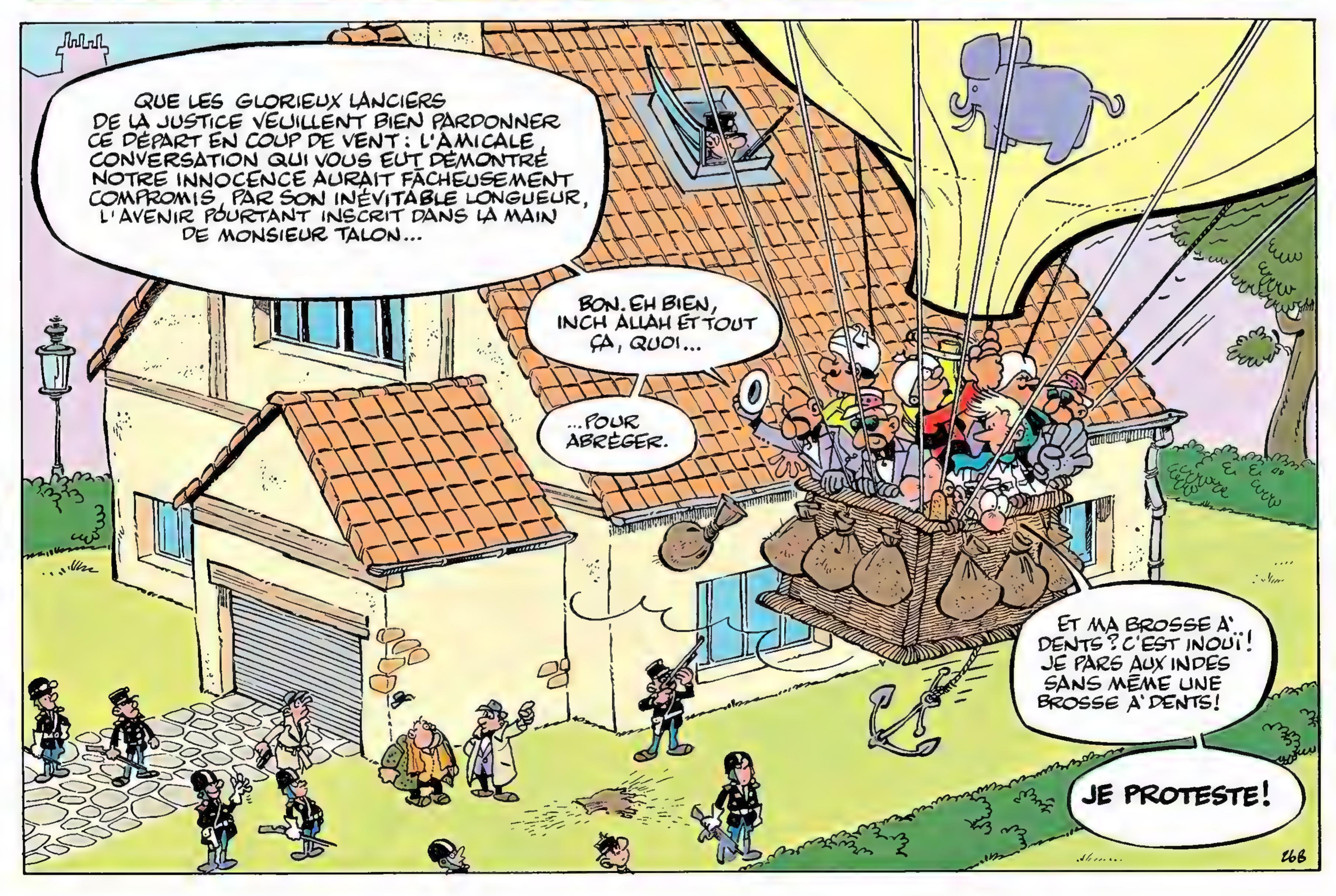


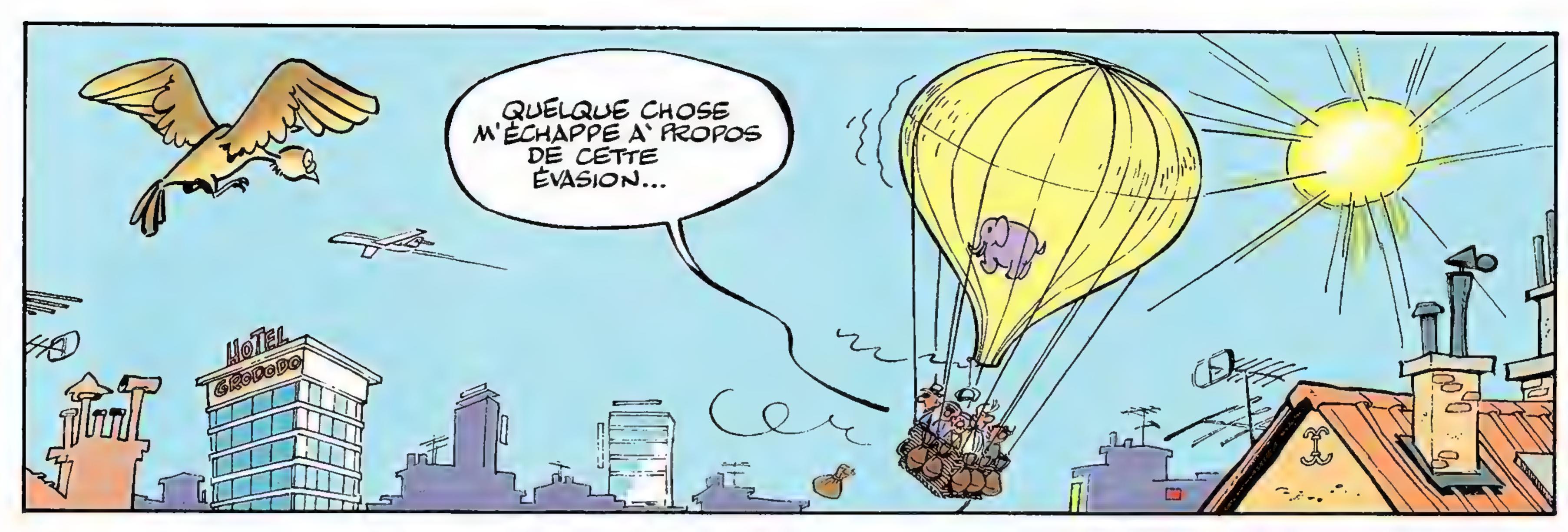




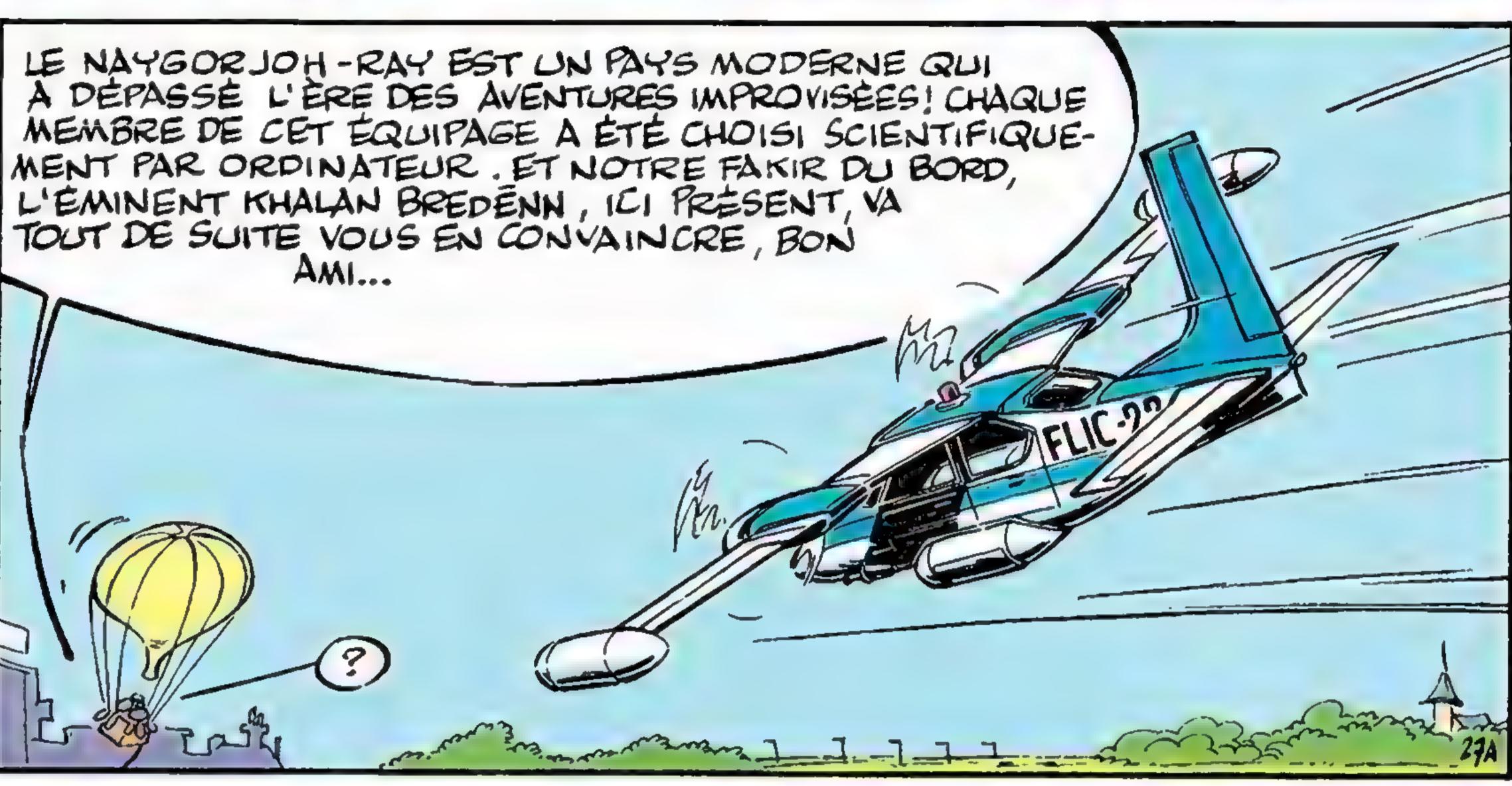




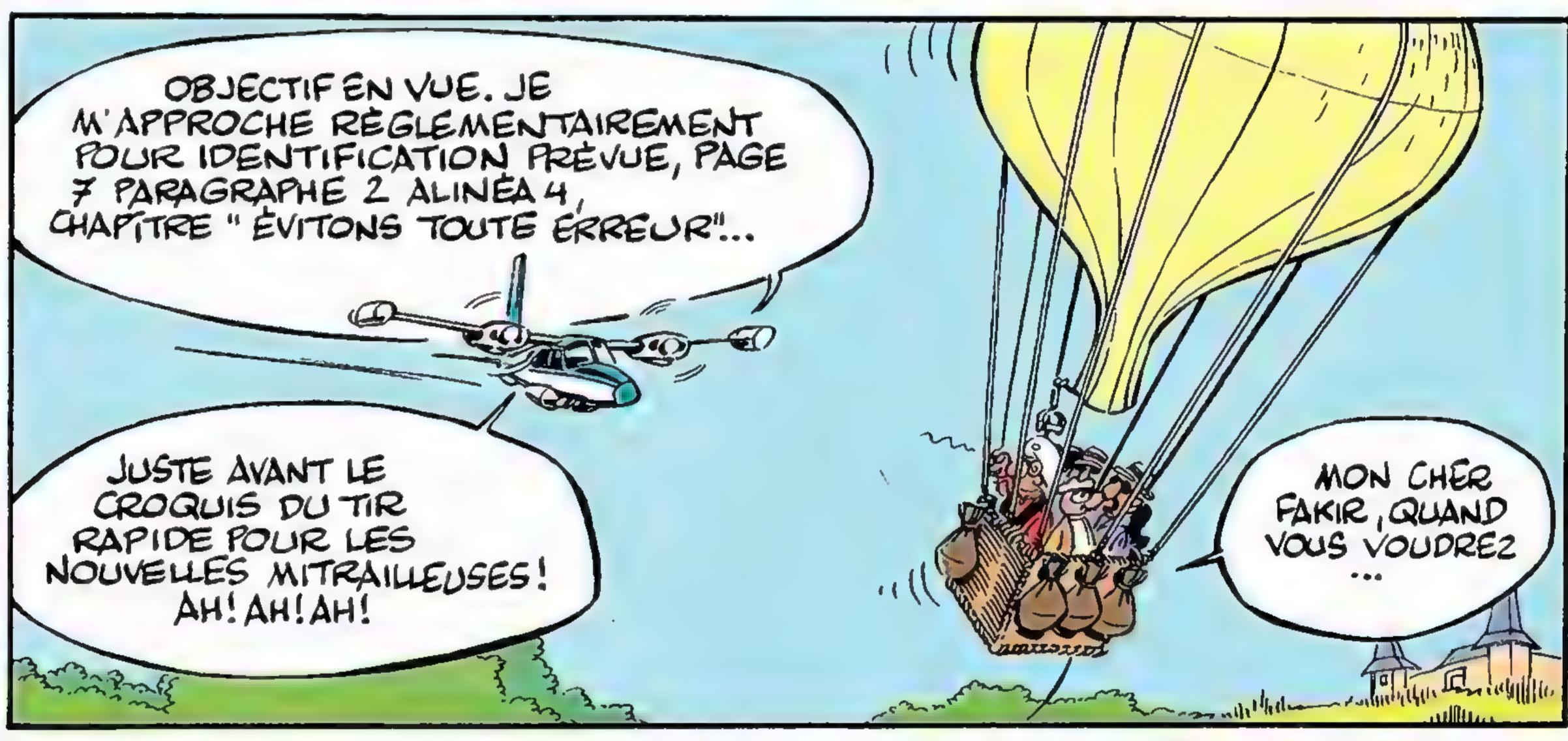








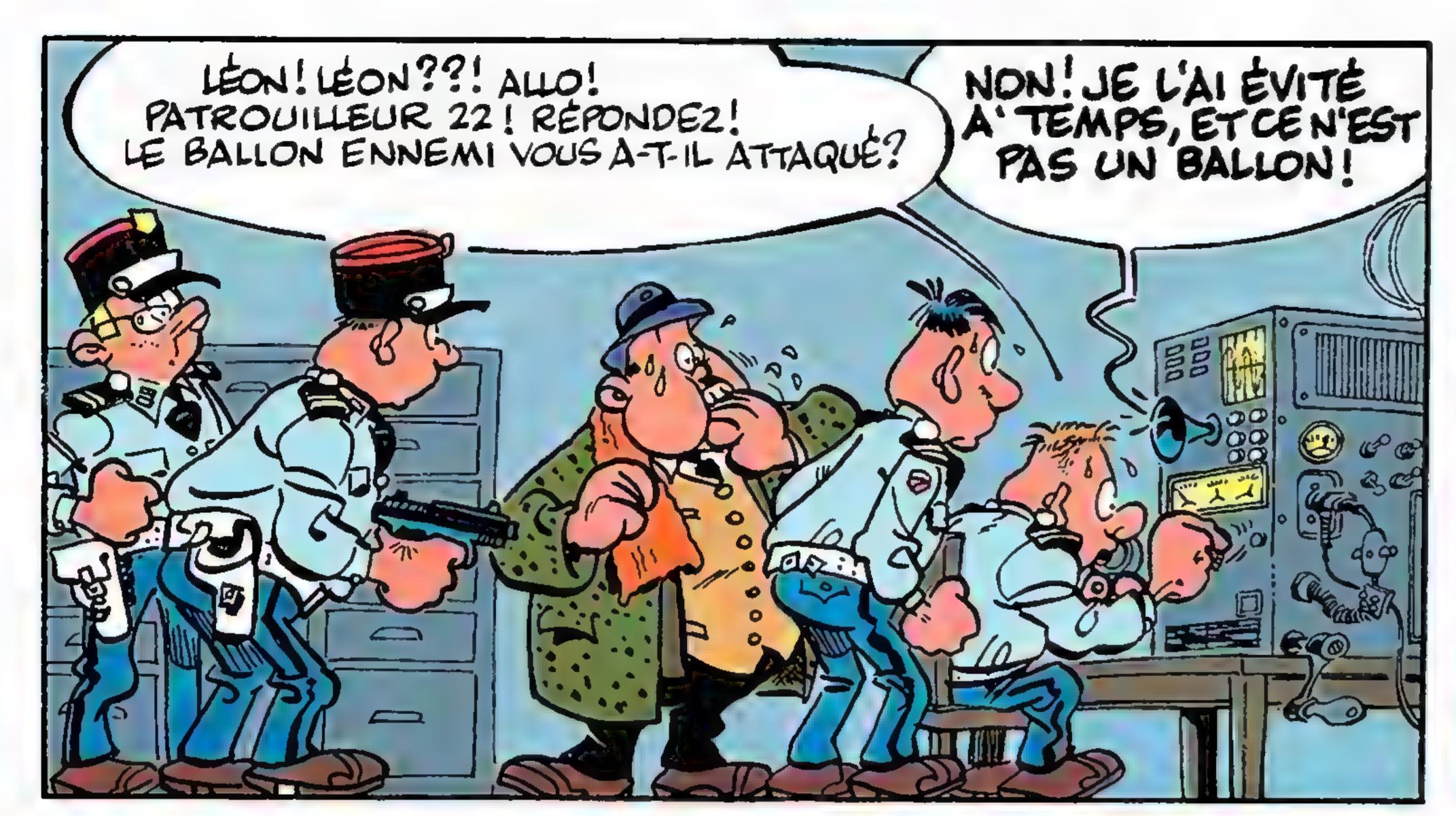






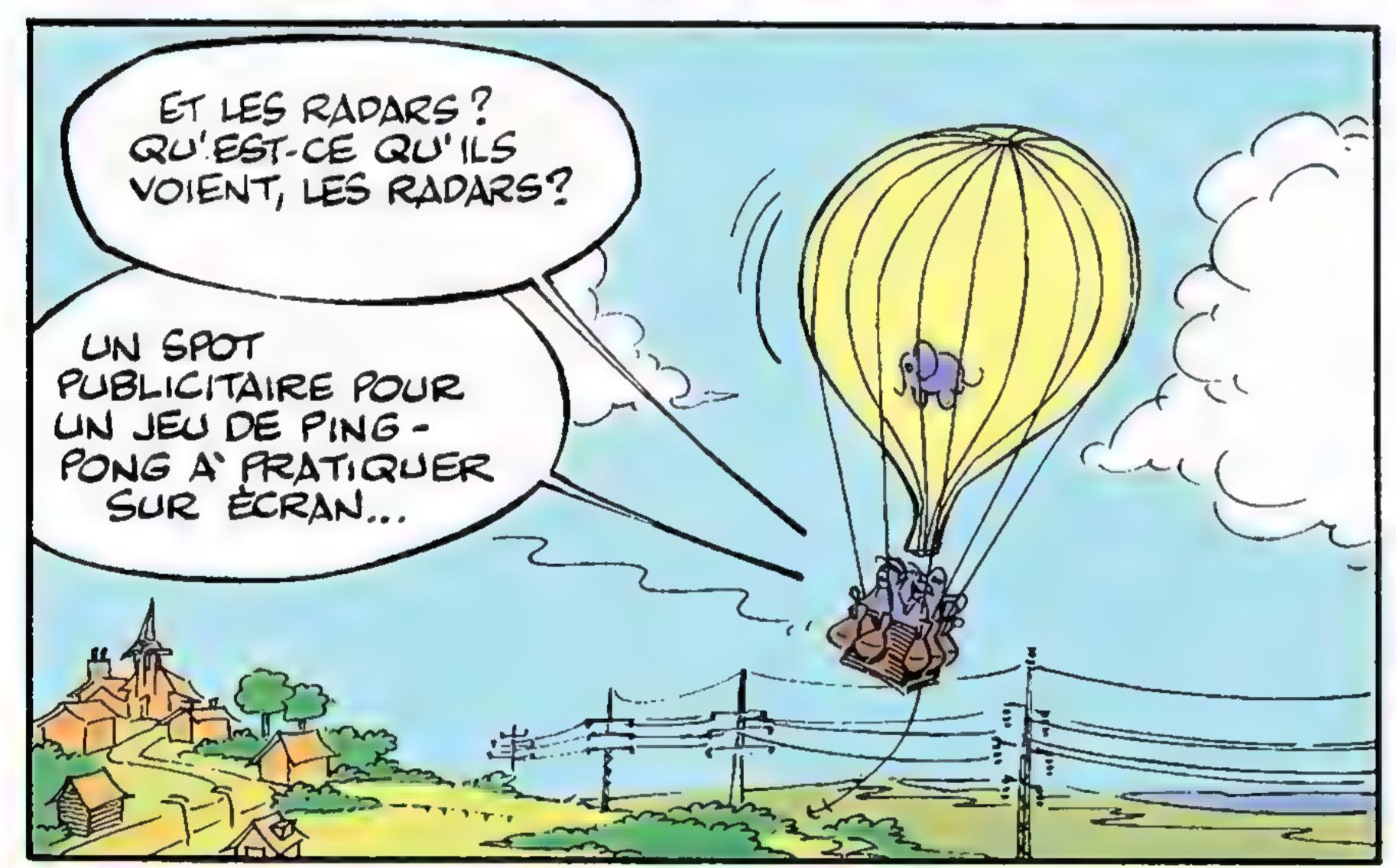




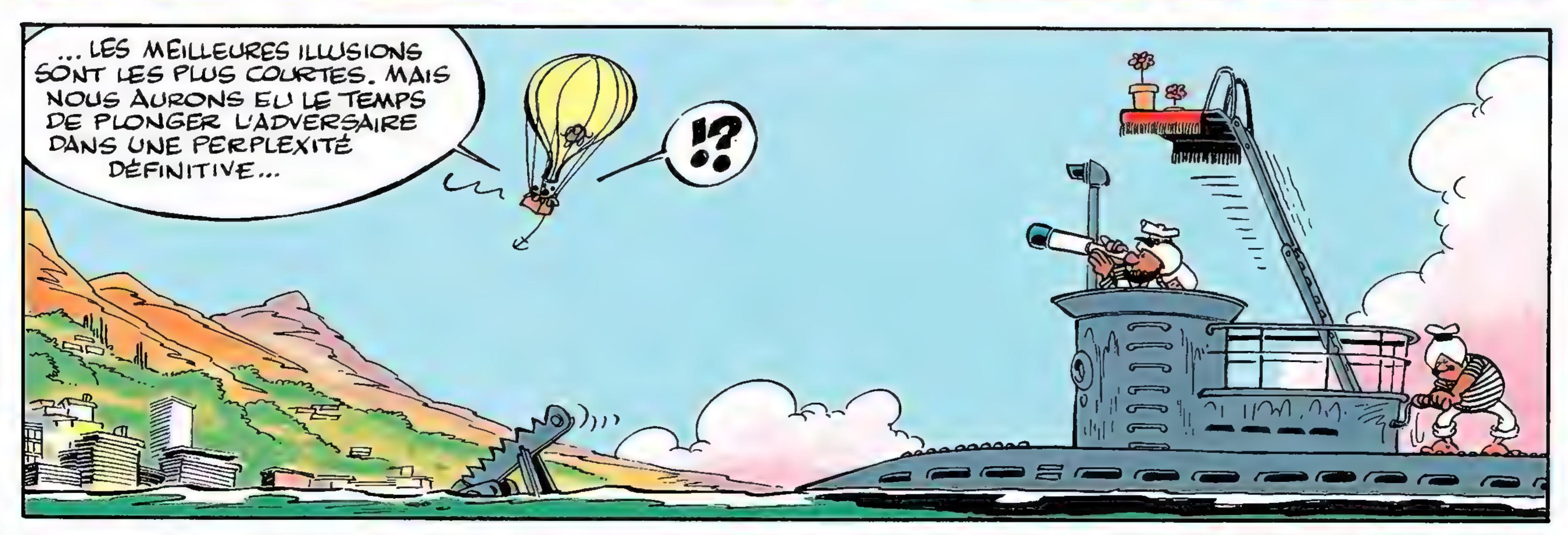


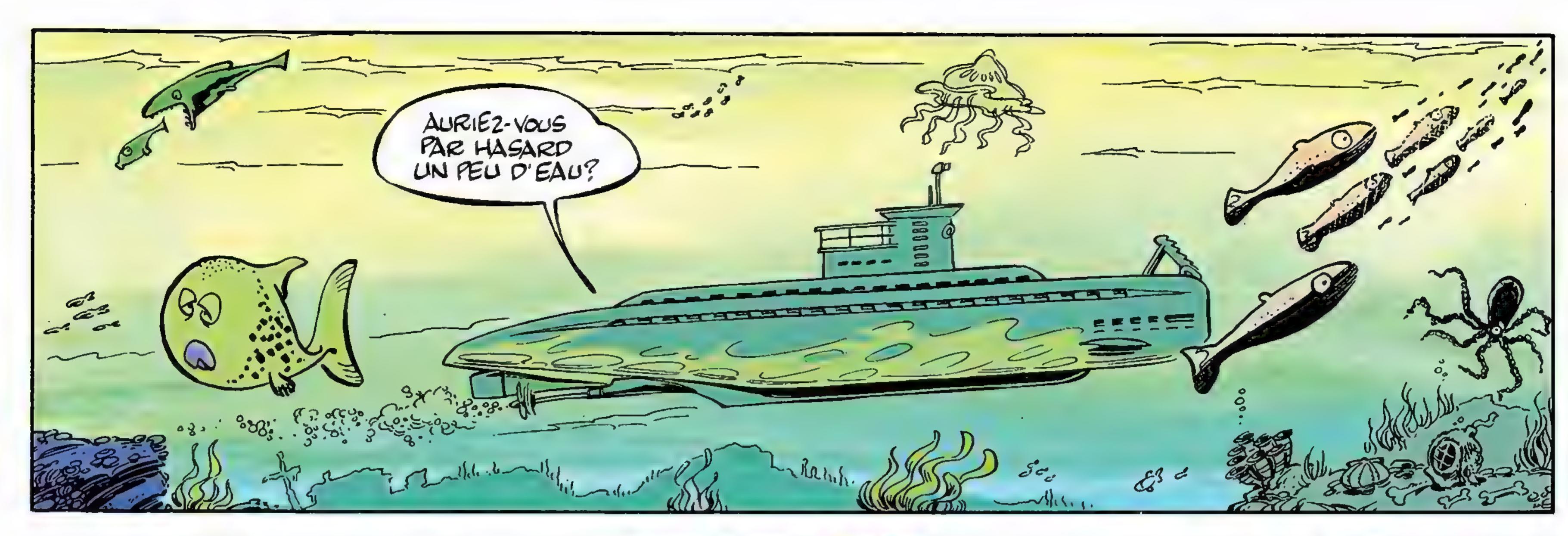
























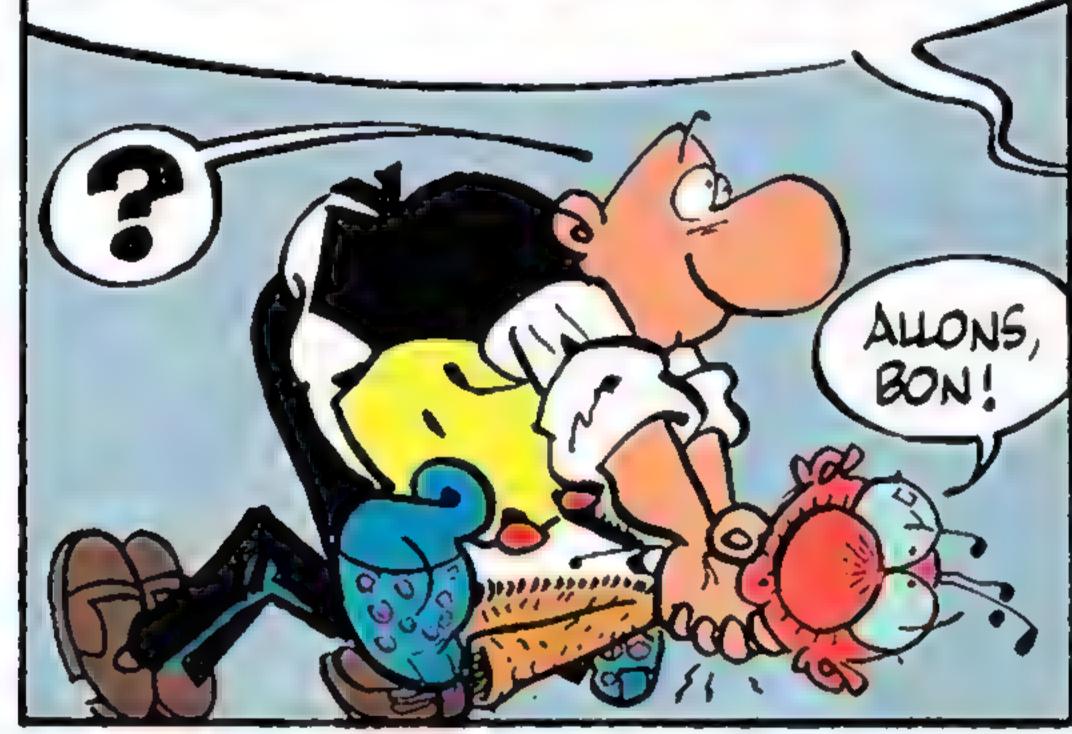




L'AFFLICTION ME TARAUDE, MAIS UNE INFORMATION CONTRARIANTE QU'ON M'APPORTE, M'OBLIGE A' SOLLICITER UNE TRÈVE DANS LES EBATS DES PASSAGERS...



IL SEMBLERAIT EN EFFET QUE LES ADVERSAIRES DE NOTRE CHER MAHARADJAH, RÉSOLUS A' EMPÉCHER LE RETOUR AU PAYS DE LA MAIN DU SERPENT, AIENT LÉGÈREMENT SABOTÉ MON BÂTIMENT POURTANT ROBUSTE...



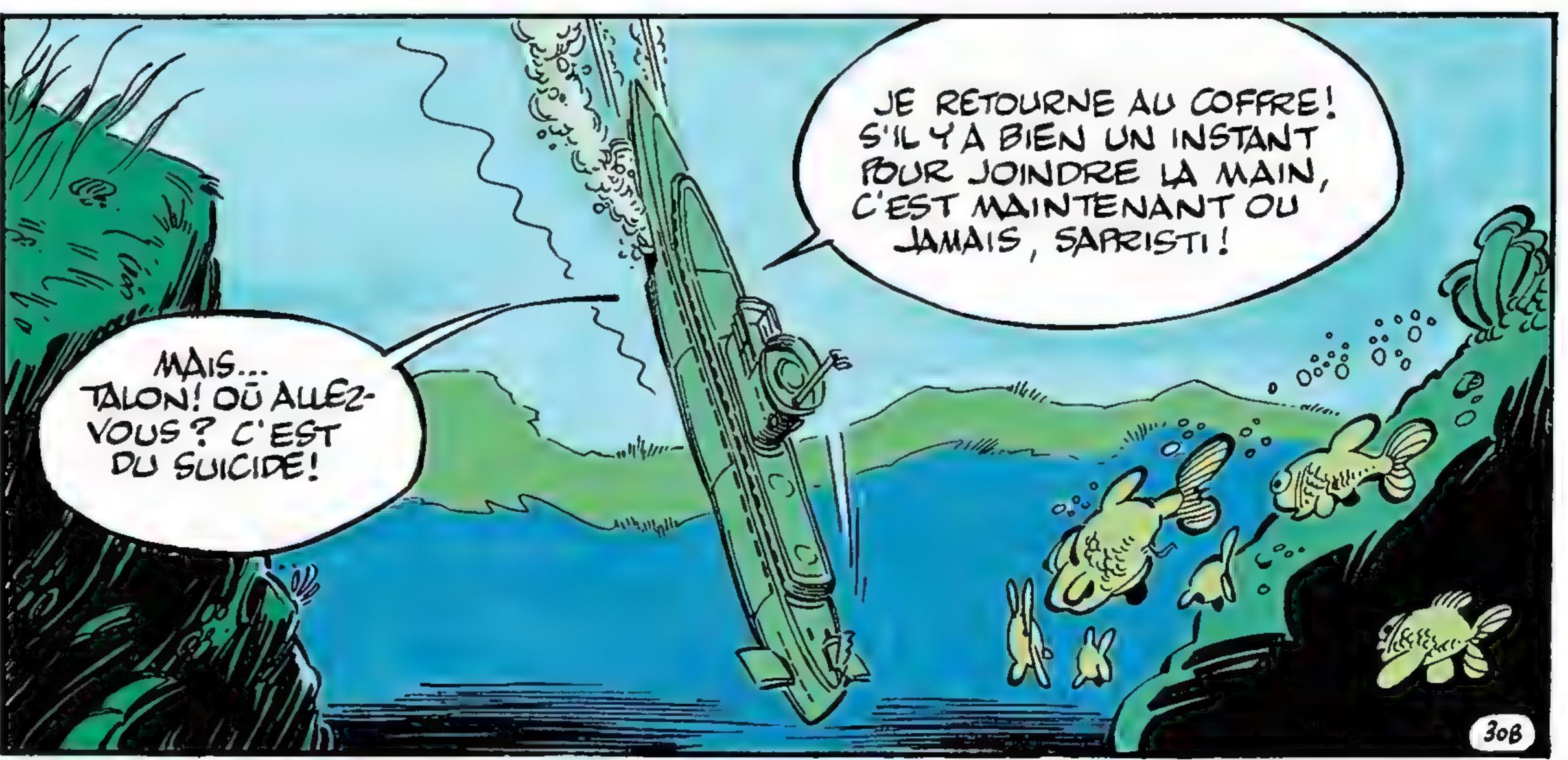
AUSSI, COMPTE TENU DE L'ÉPAISSEUR DE LA COQUE, DE LA PRESSION AMBIANTE, DU TROU CONSTATÉ, DE LA PROFONDEUR OÙ NOUS NAVIGUONS ET DE MON ÂGE PERSONNEL, J'ABOUTIS A' LA SUGGESTION QUE VOICI:

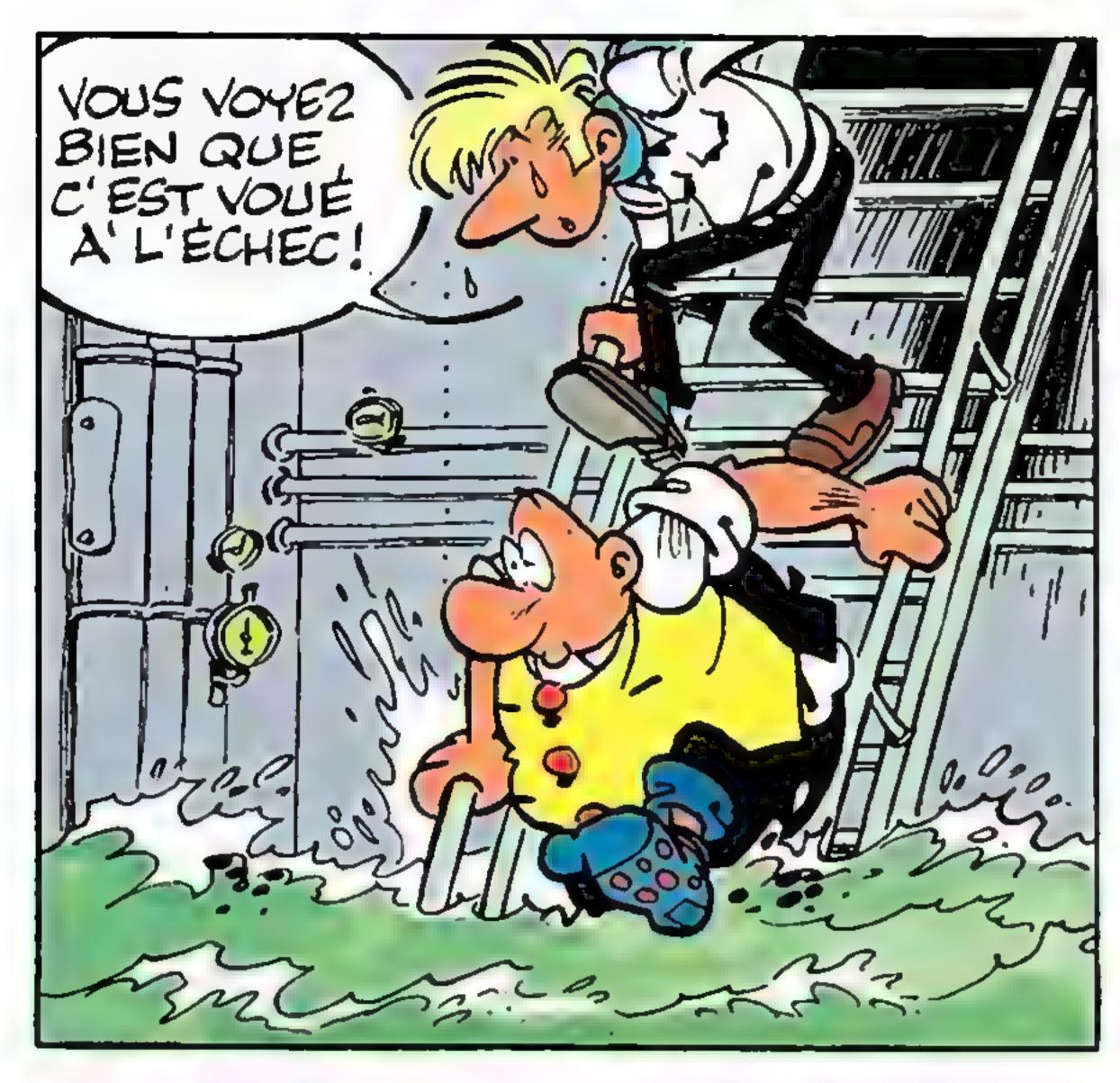
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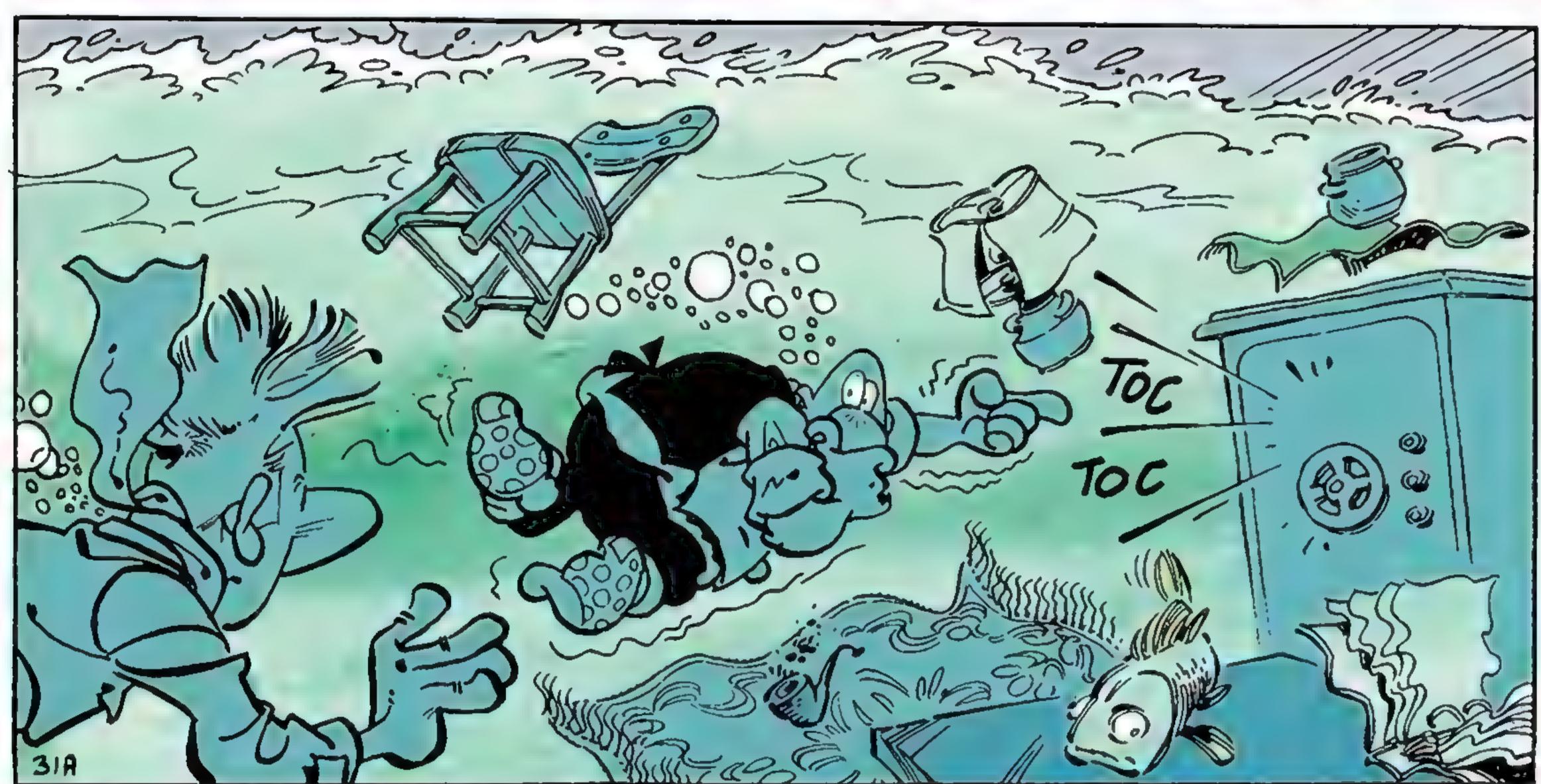


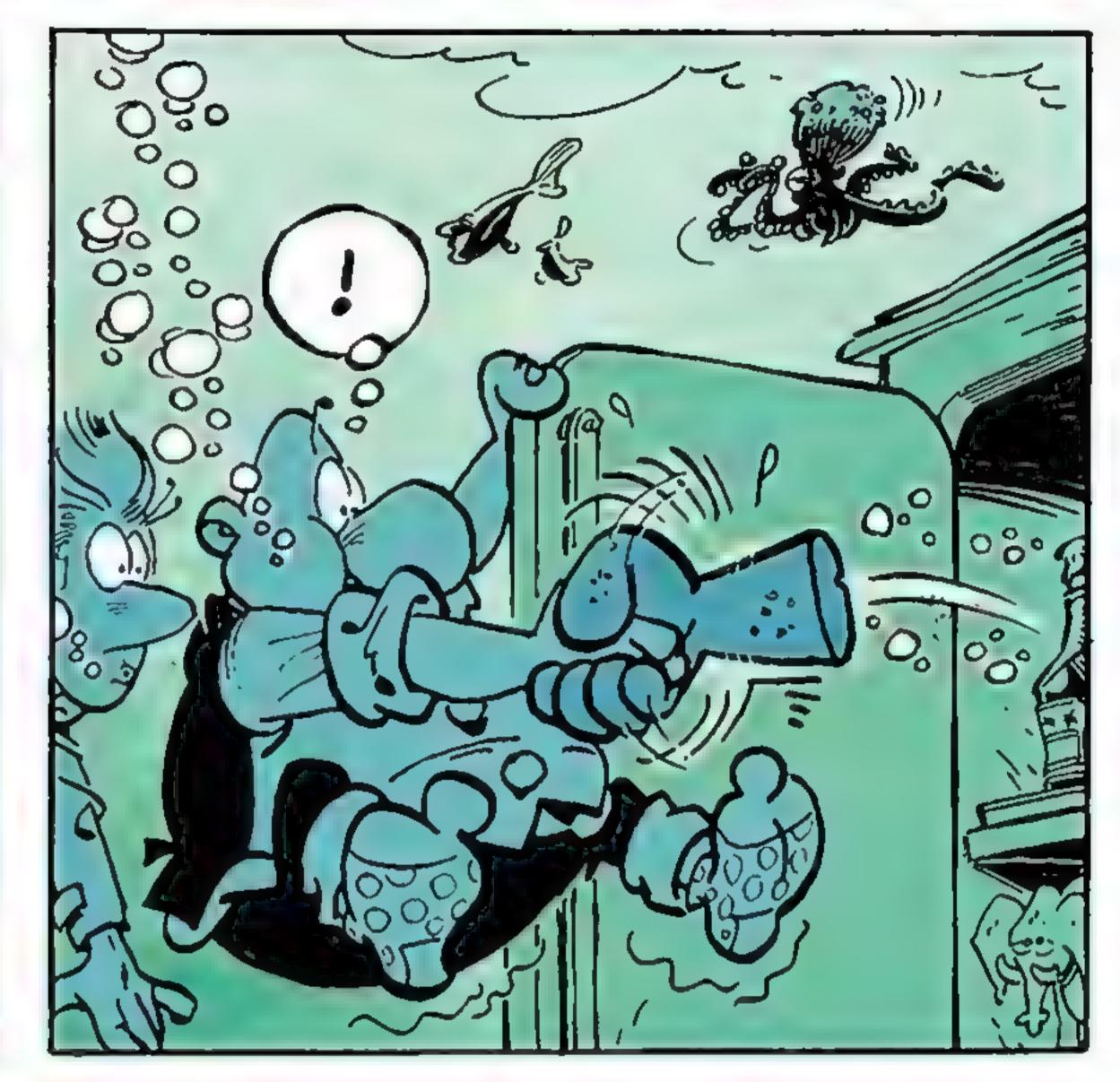


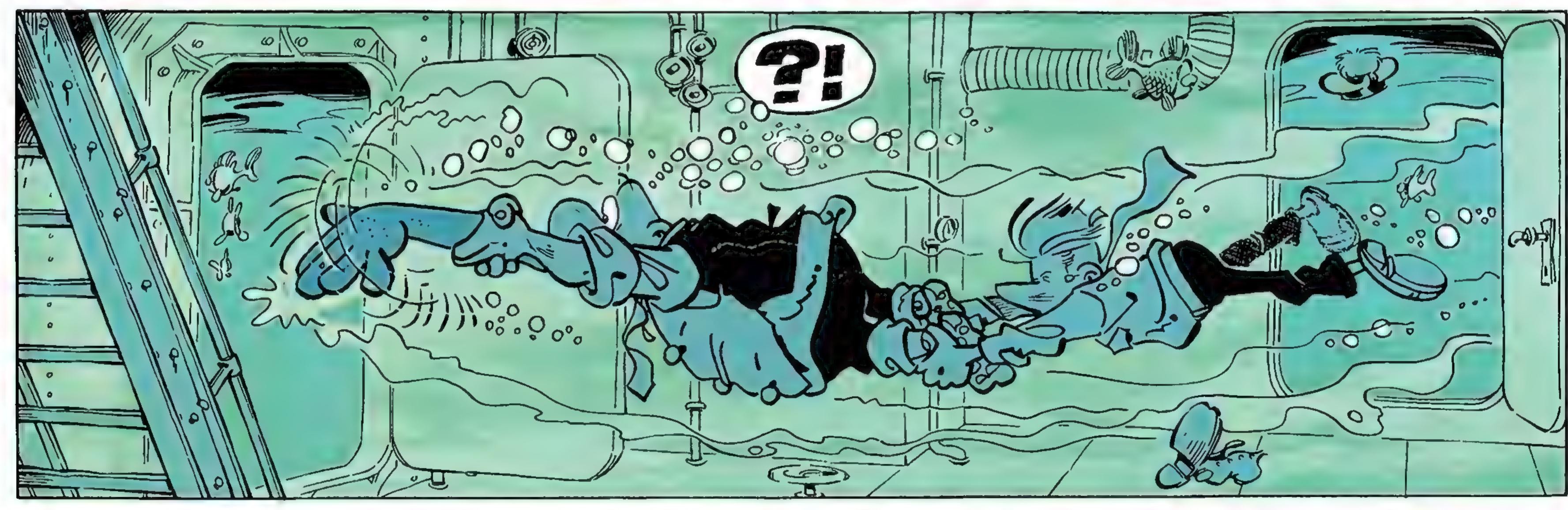


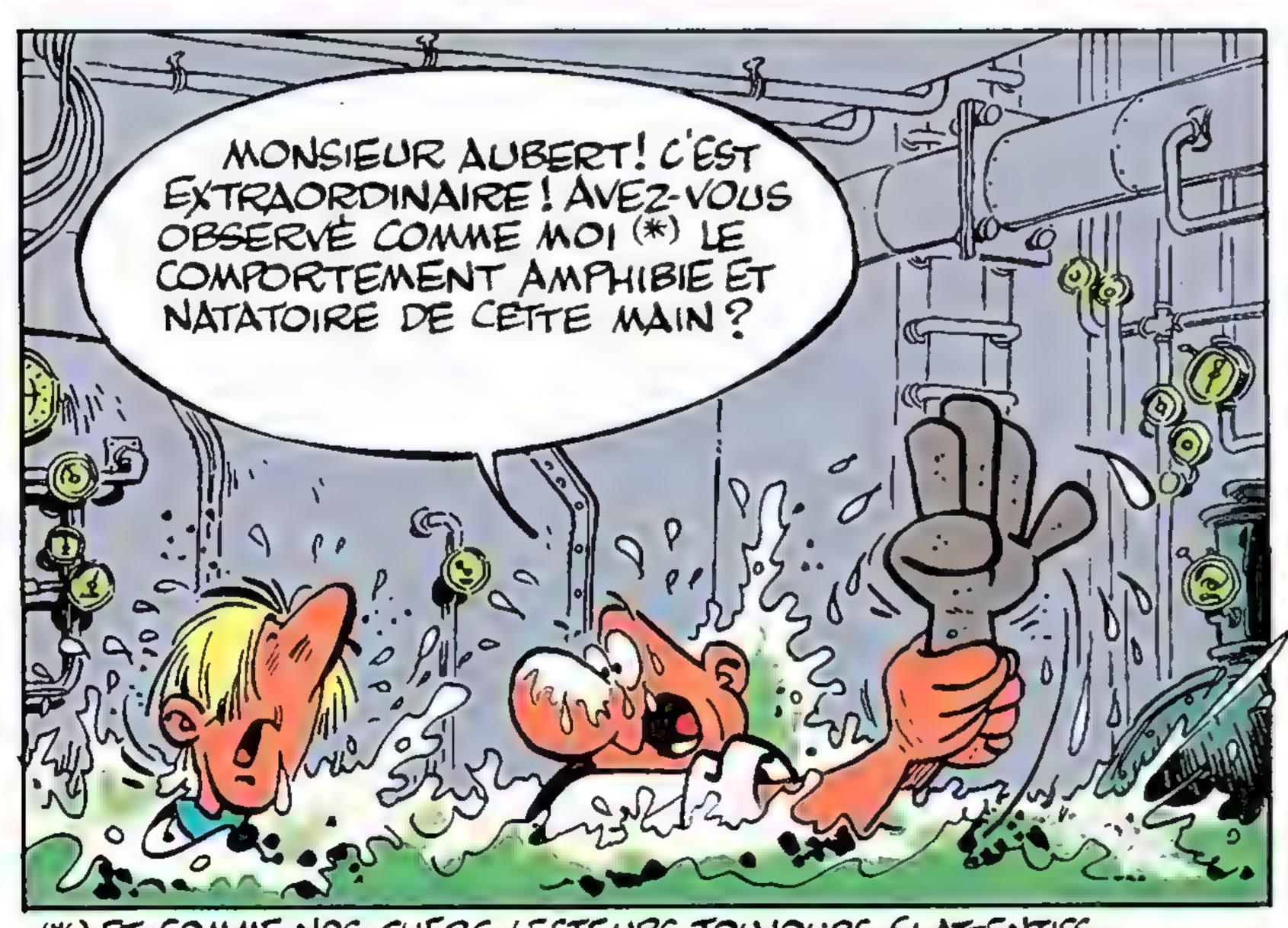


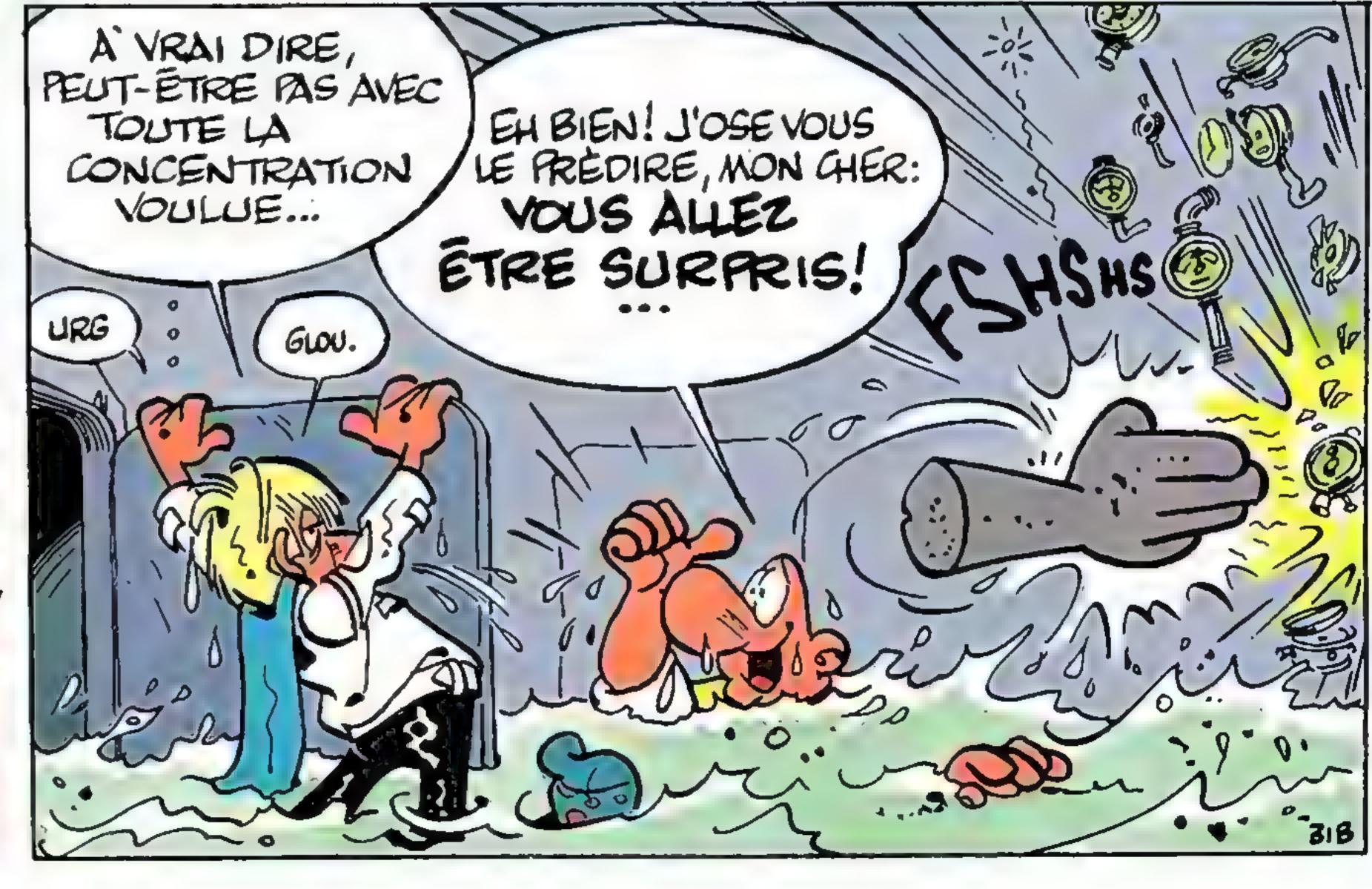


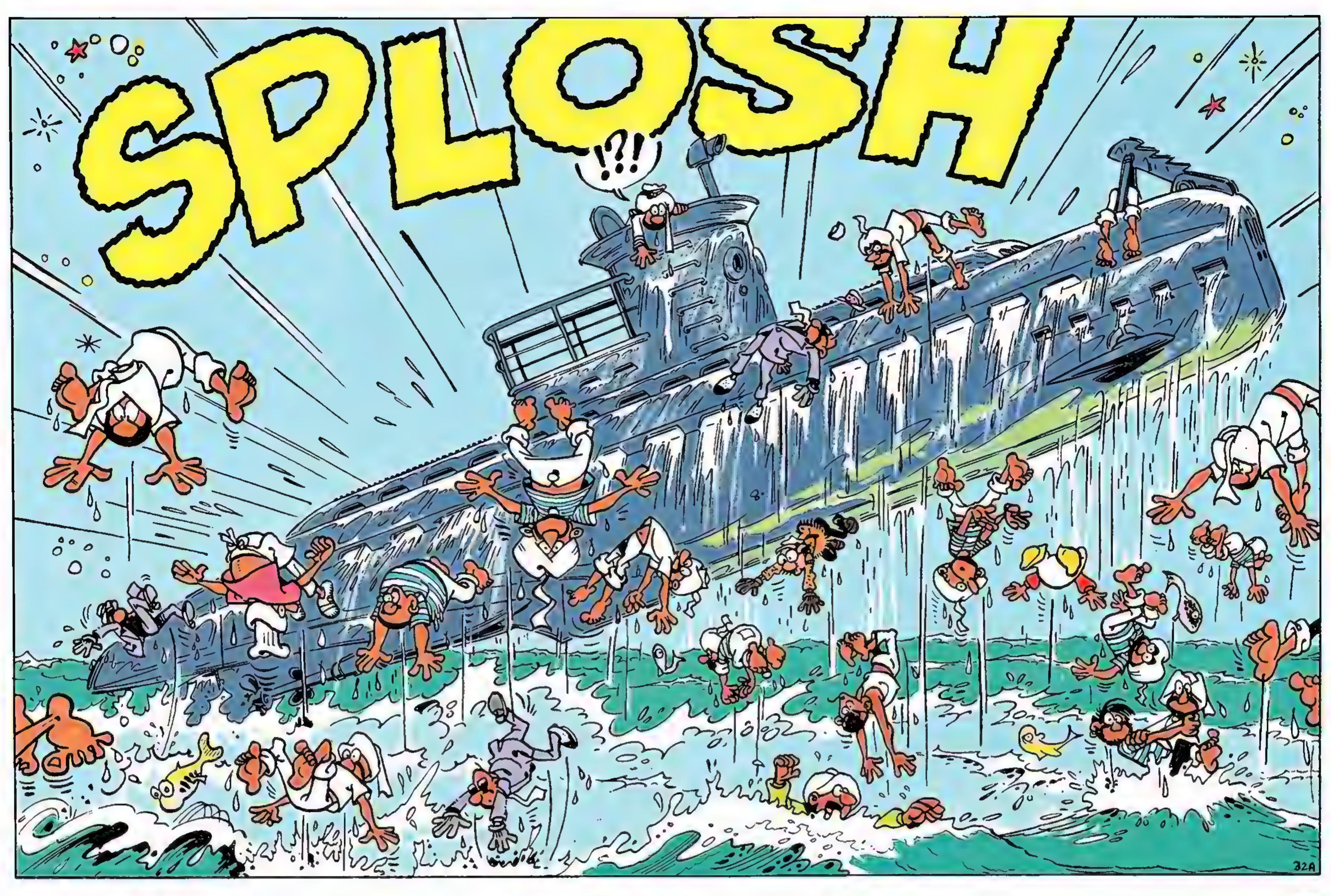




























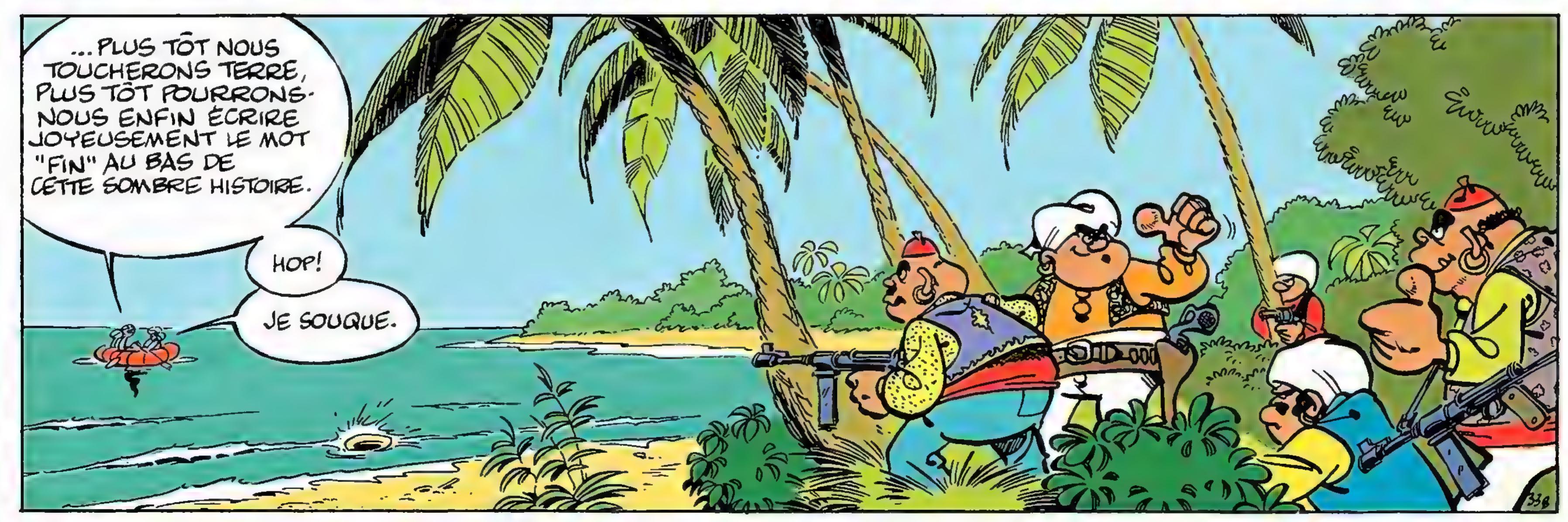




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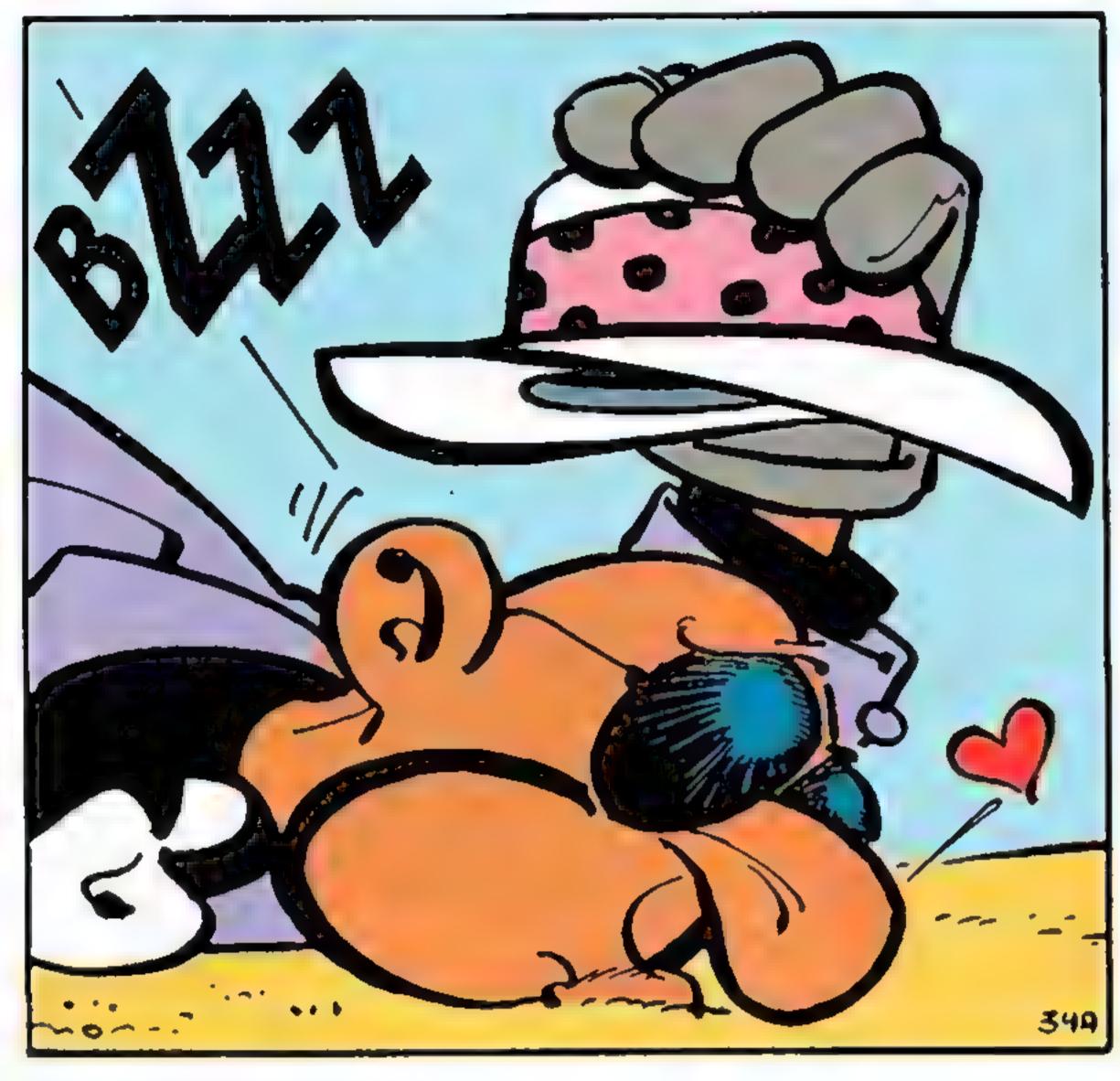




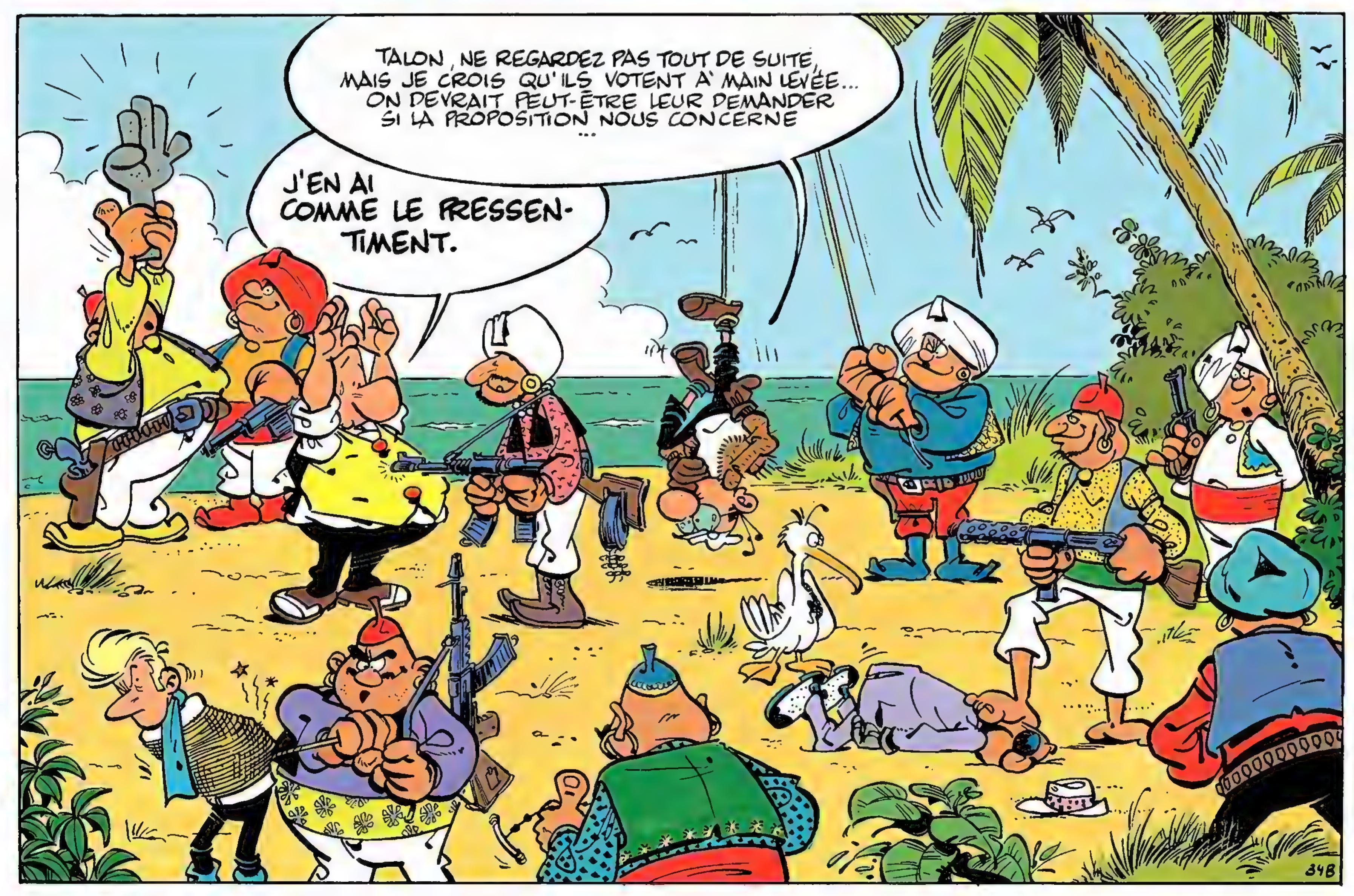


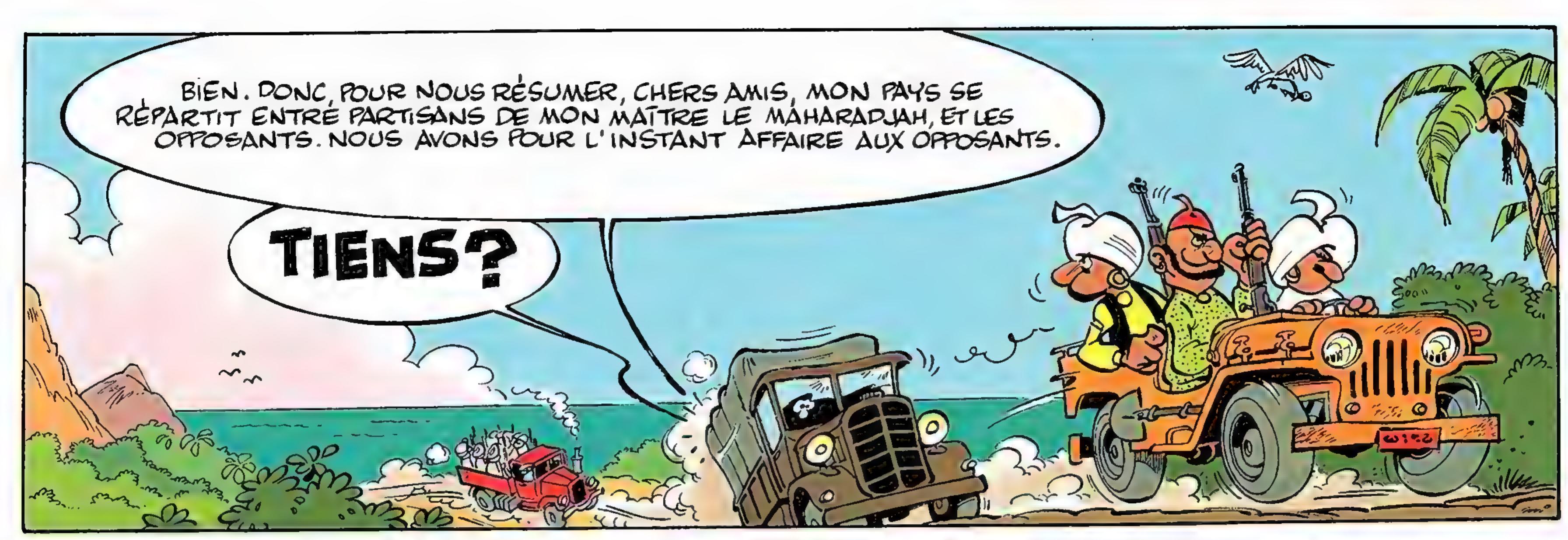


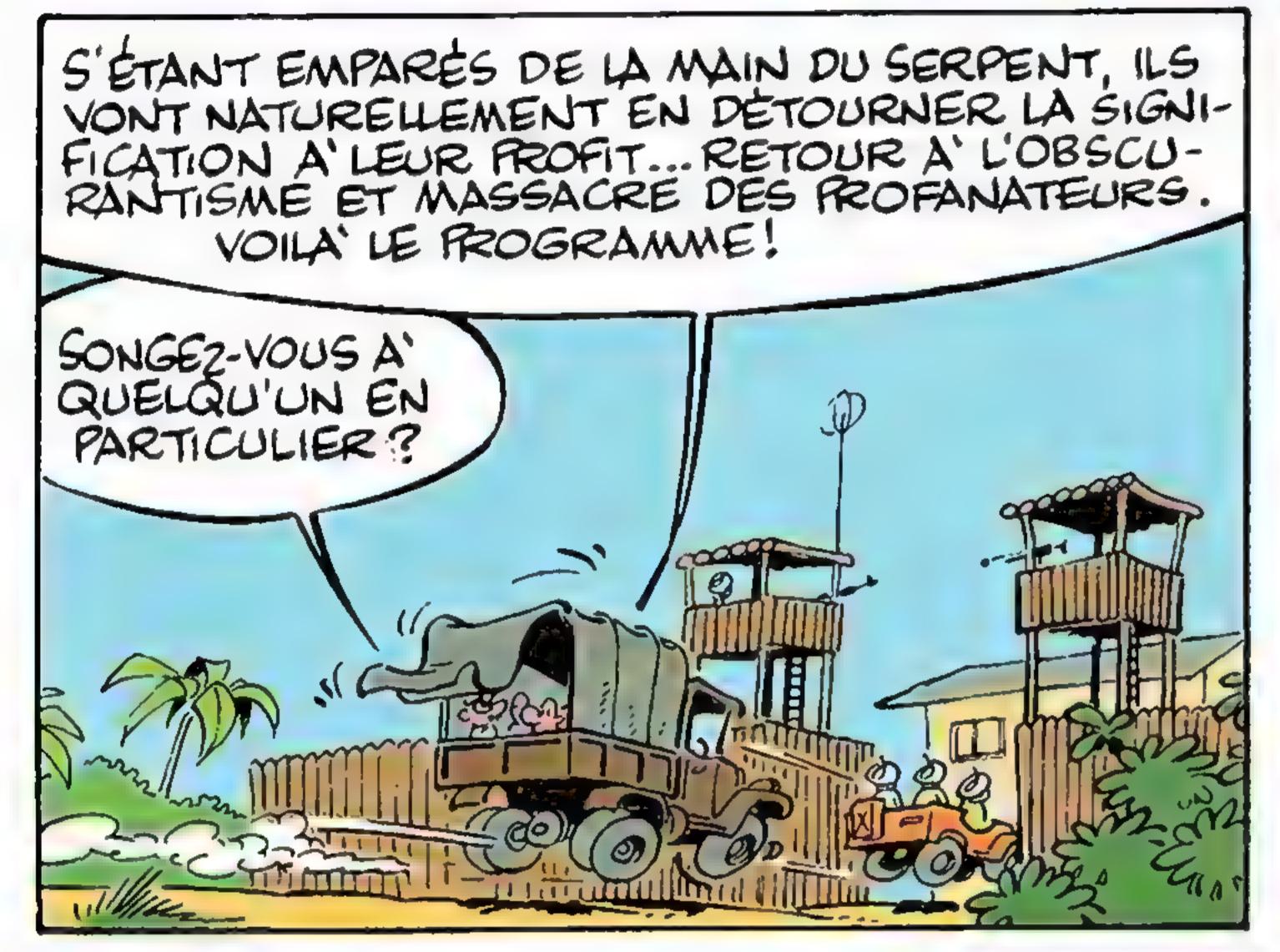


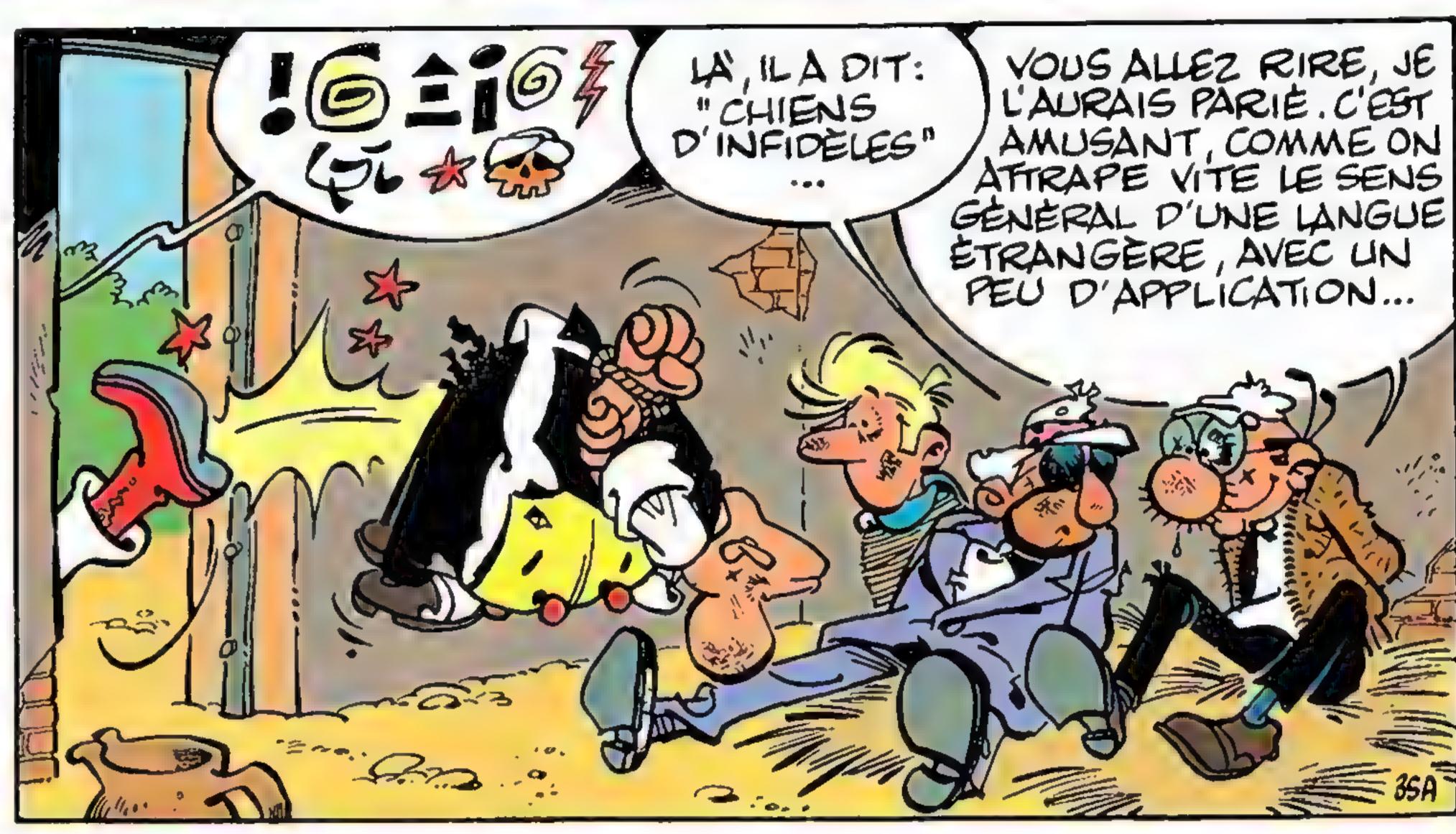








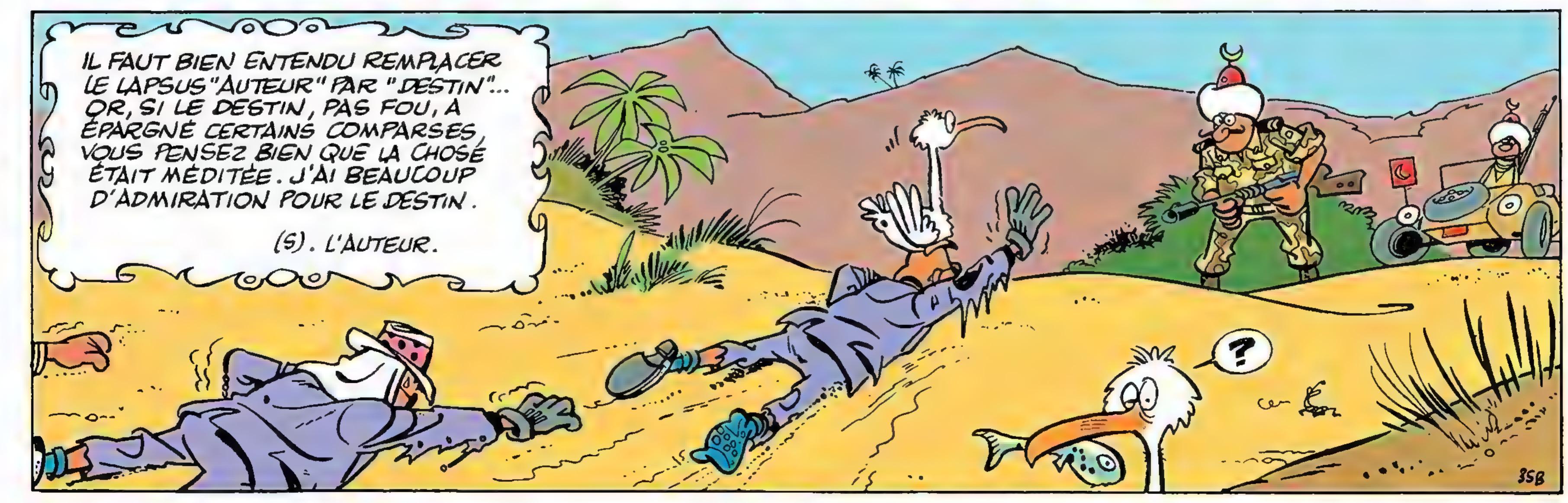


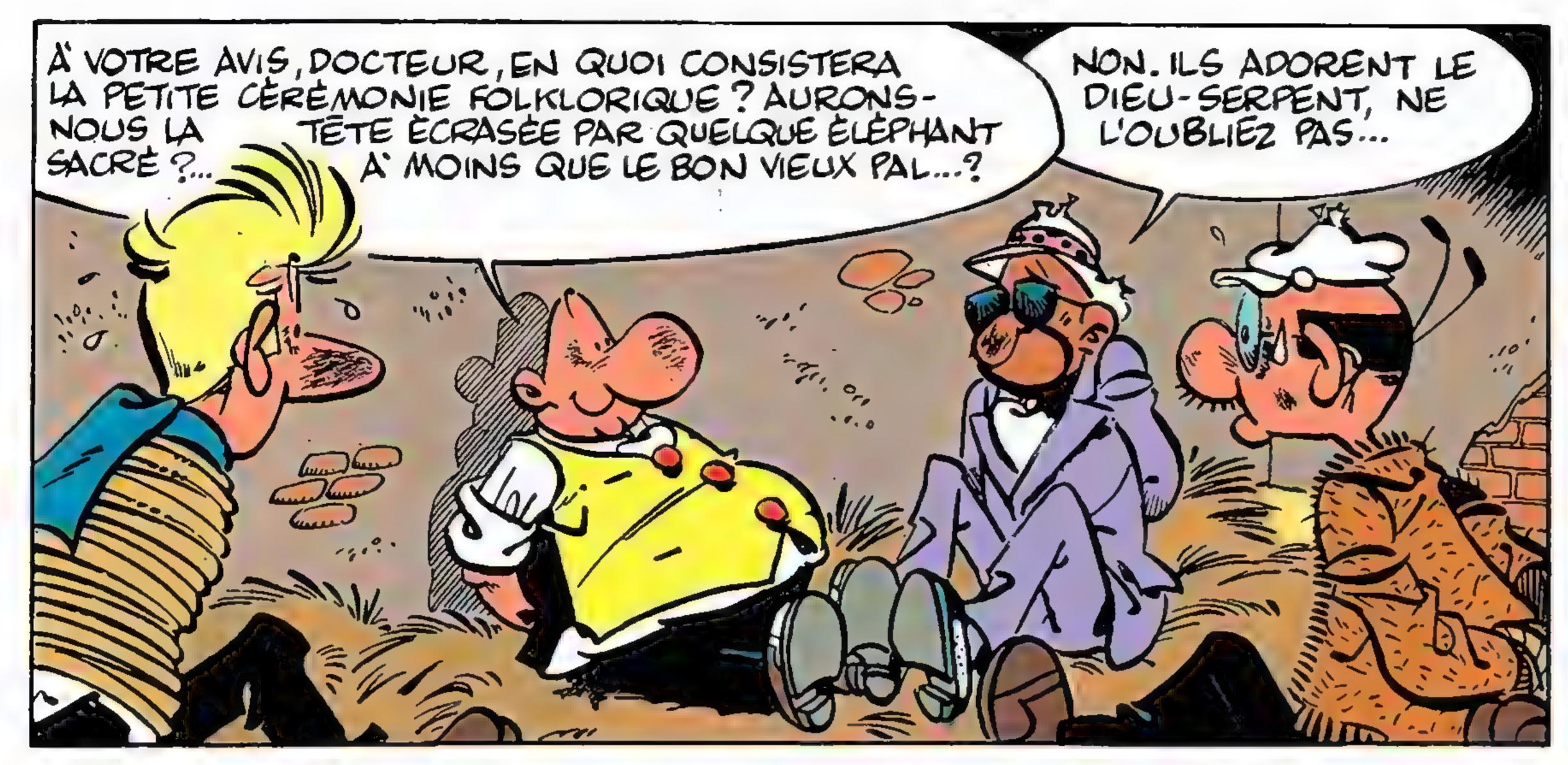


















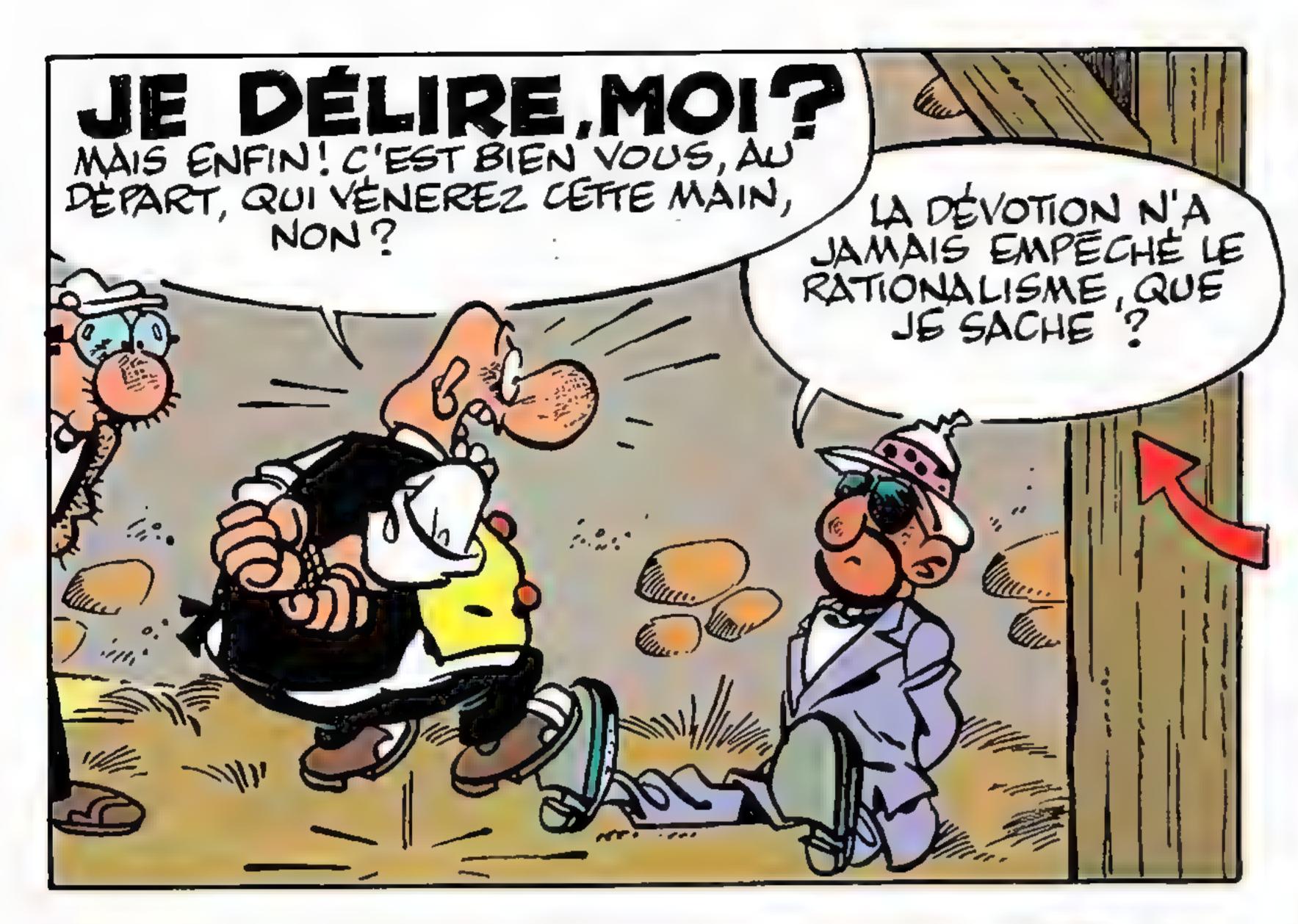












C'EST AVEC DES RÉFLEXIONS IRRÉFLÉCHIES DE CE GENRE QUE, PARTI POUR FAIRE UNE HONNÊTE BÉDÉ, ONSE RETROUVE ENTRAÎNÉ DANS UN OUVRAGE PHILOSOPHIQUE DE DOUZE MILLE PAGES. PAR BONHEUR, NOUS AVONS ÉCARTÉ À TEMPS CETTE TENTATION NAÎVE, ET NOS CHERS LECTEURS CONTINUERONT À TROUVER SOUS NOTRE PLUME L'EXPRESSION D'UNE PENSÉE STÀBLE ET LUMINEUSE. D'AILLEURS CETTE NOTE N'À POUR BUT QUE DE DÉSEMPARER LA CRITIQUE. MERCI DE VOTRE AFTENTION.

LA MAIN DU SERPENT N'EST QU'UN SYMBOLE, MON PAUVRE AMI. ET SES RETENDUS DONS MAGIQUES NE SONT LE RÉSULTAT QUE DES RADIATIONS DONT L'OBJET EST EMPREINT...

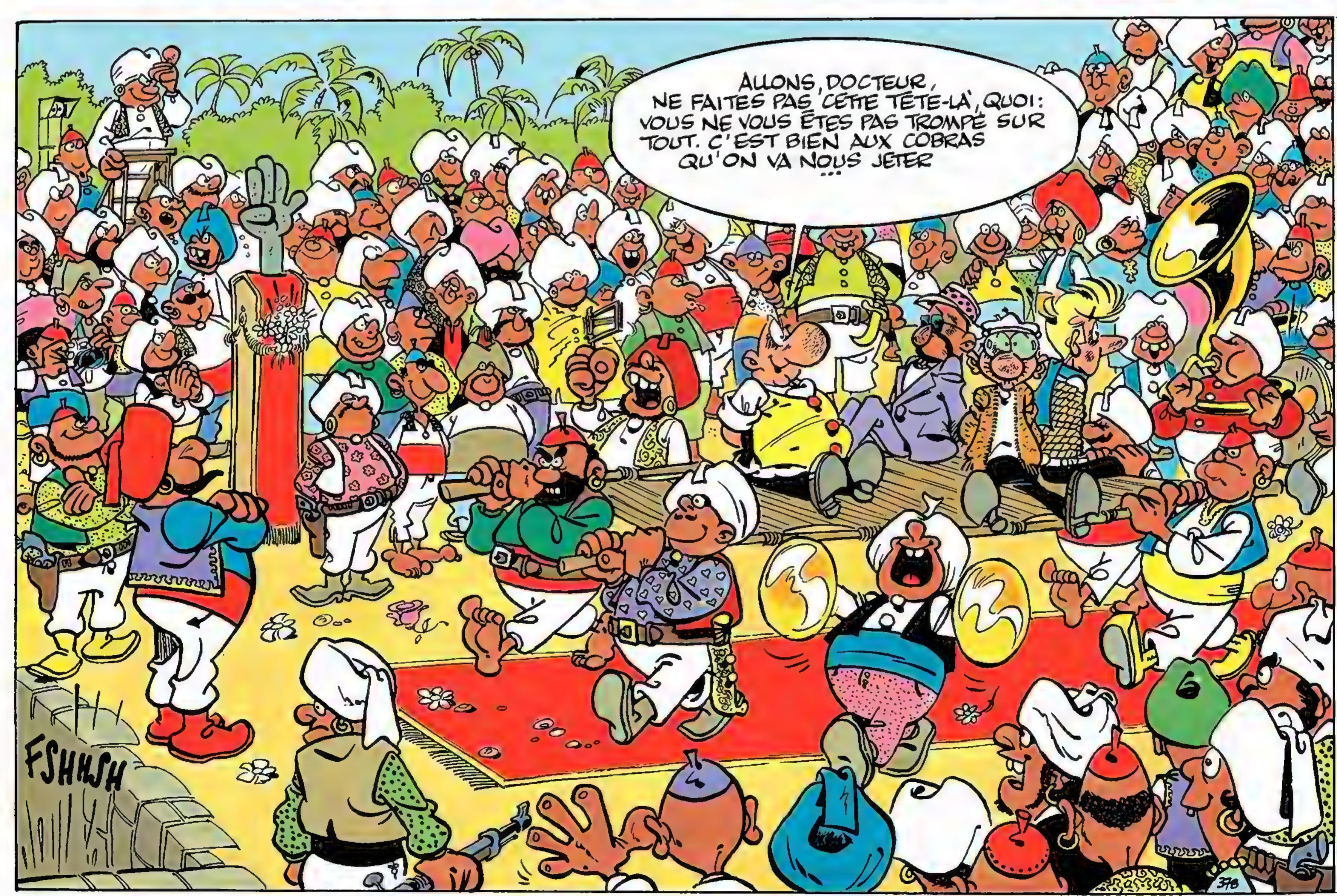


JE SUIS PERSUADE DU CONTRAIRE. SI ON ME
VEUT DU MAL, LA MAIN BALAYERA
TOUS LES ENNUIS D'UN REVERS!

SUPERSTITION
TYPIQUEMENT
EUROPEENNE.























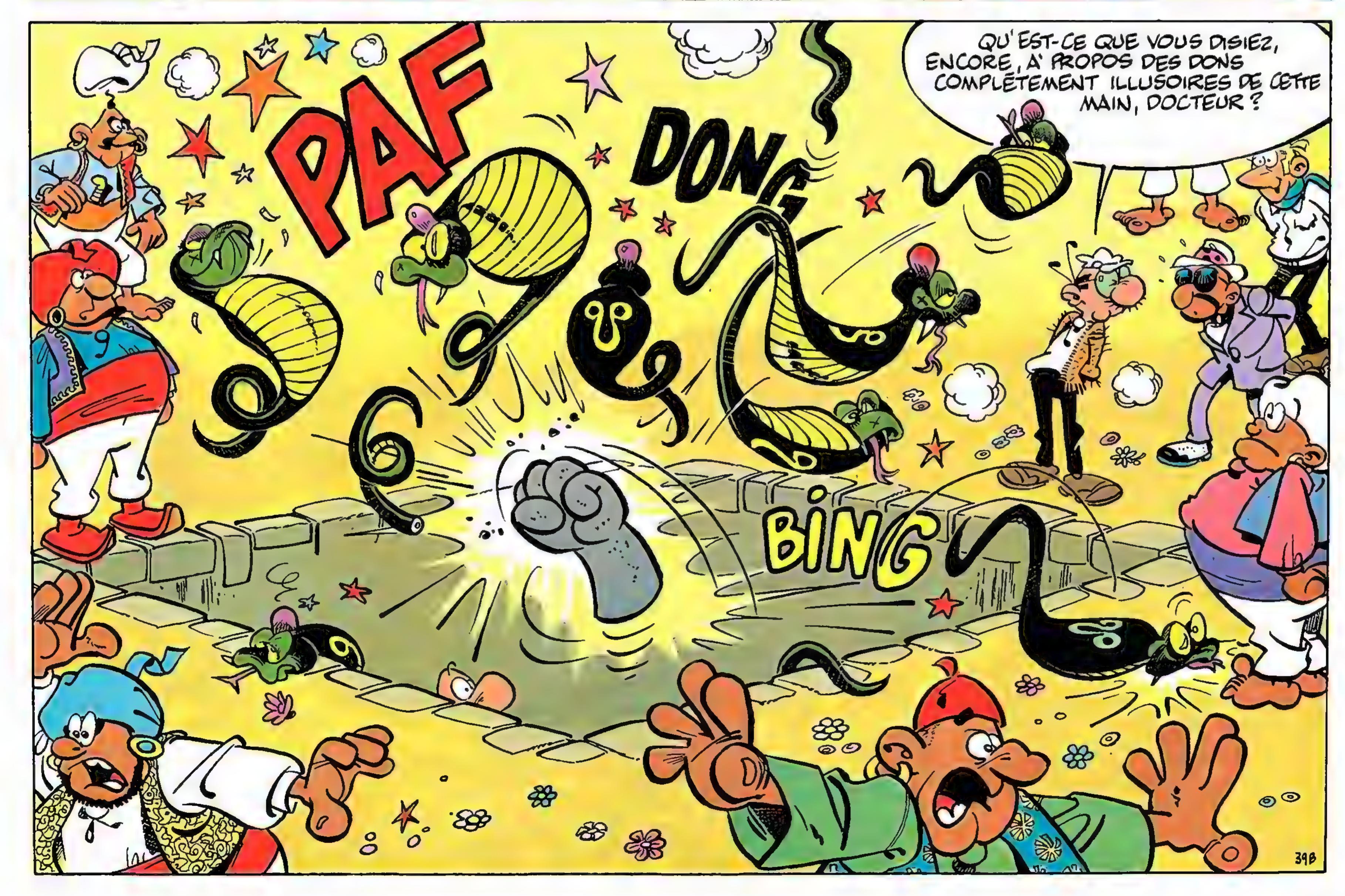




AAAAAAH! QUAND JE PENSE A' L'ODIEUX
FESTIN DES IMMONDES REPTILES, SE
JETANT COMME UN SEUL HOMME SUR CE
BON ACHILLE, CE TENDRE, CE SUCCULENT,
CE COPIEUX ACHILLE, APRES LA DEGLUTITION
DUQUEL AUCUN SERPENT N'AURAIT
ENCORE FAIM, ET QUI...













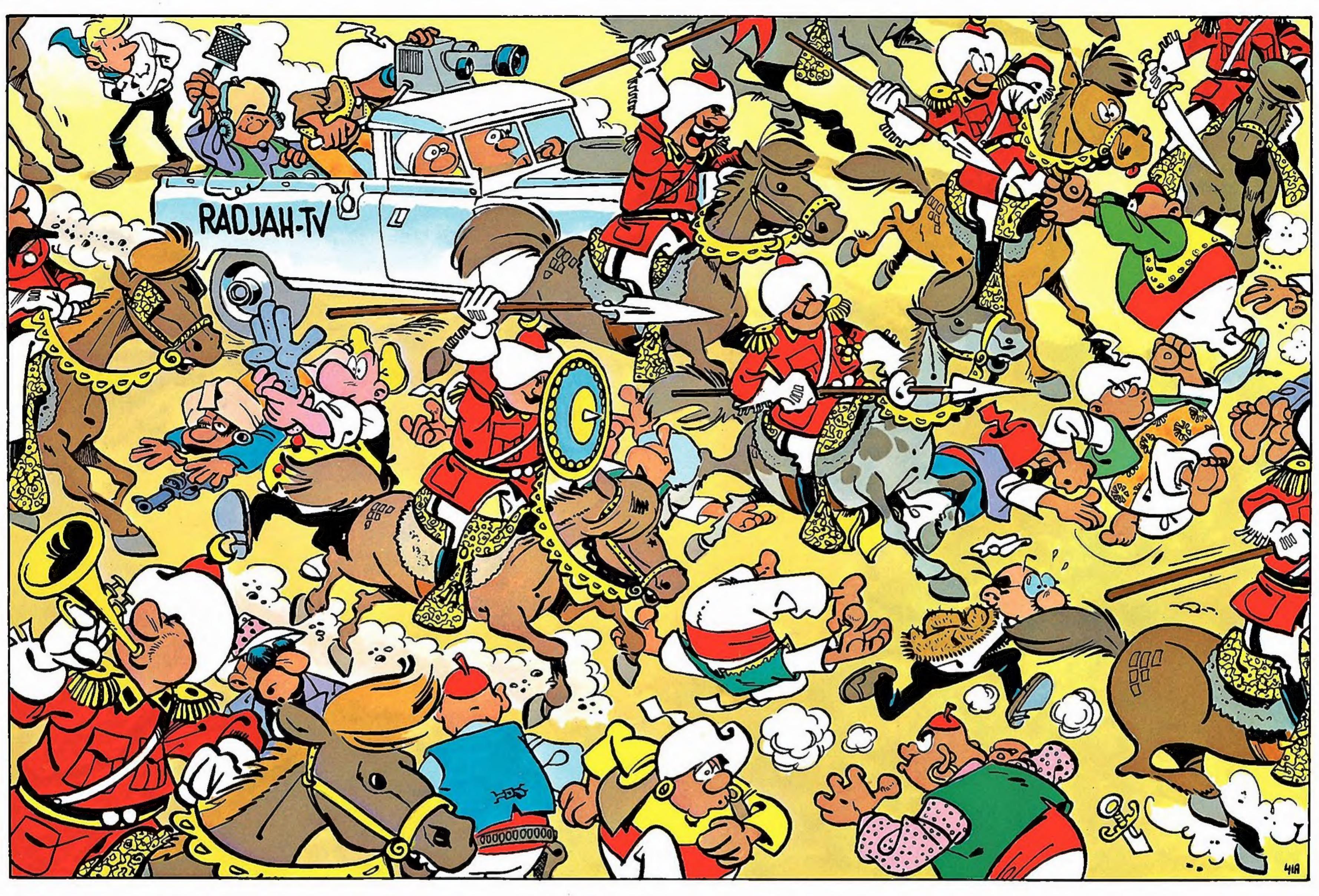














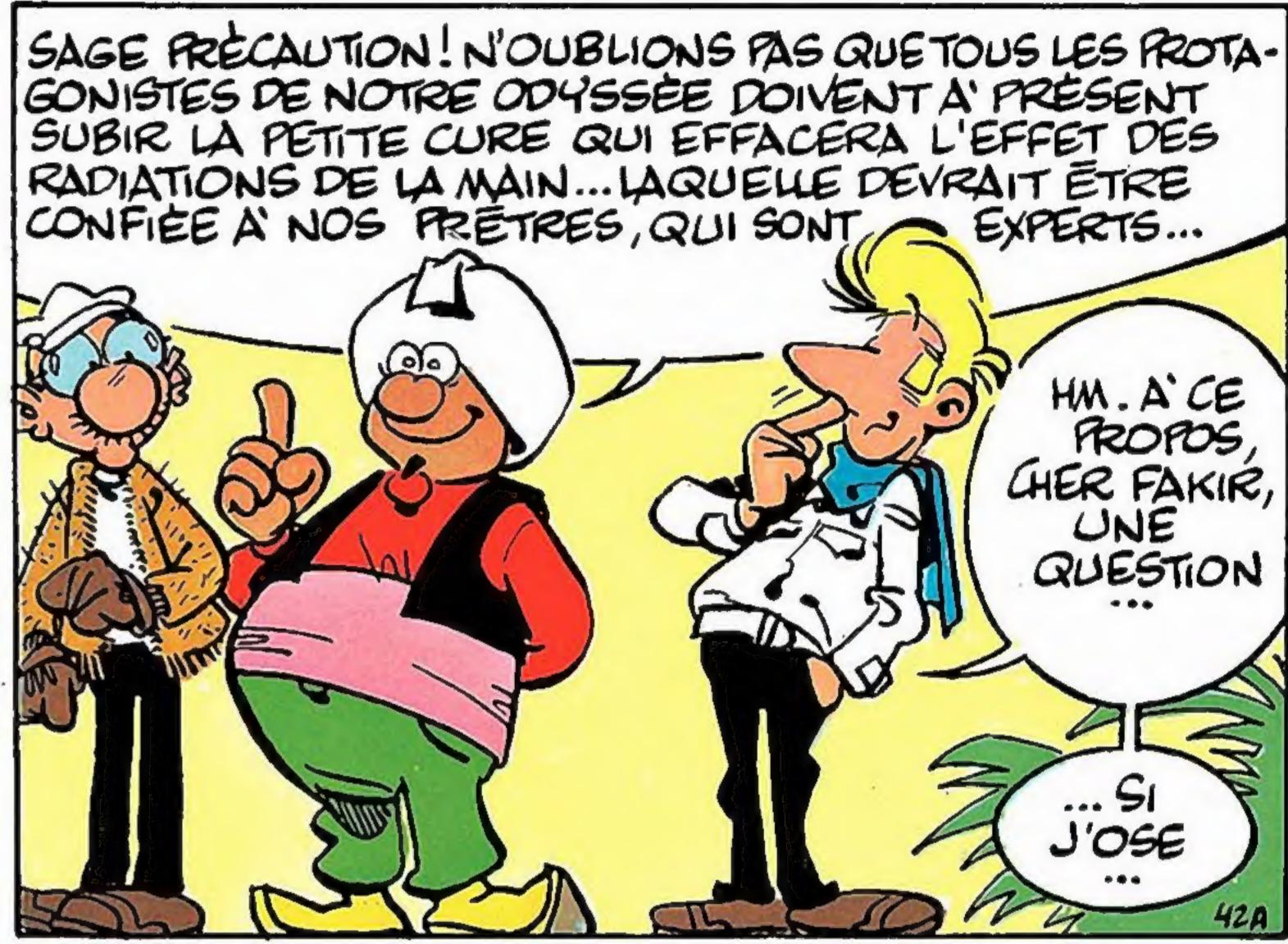




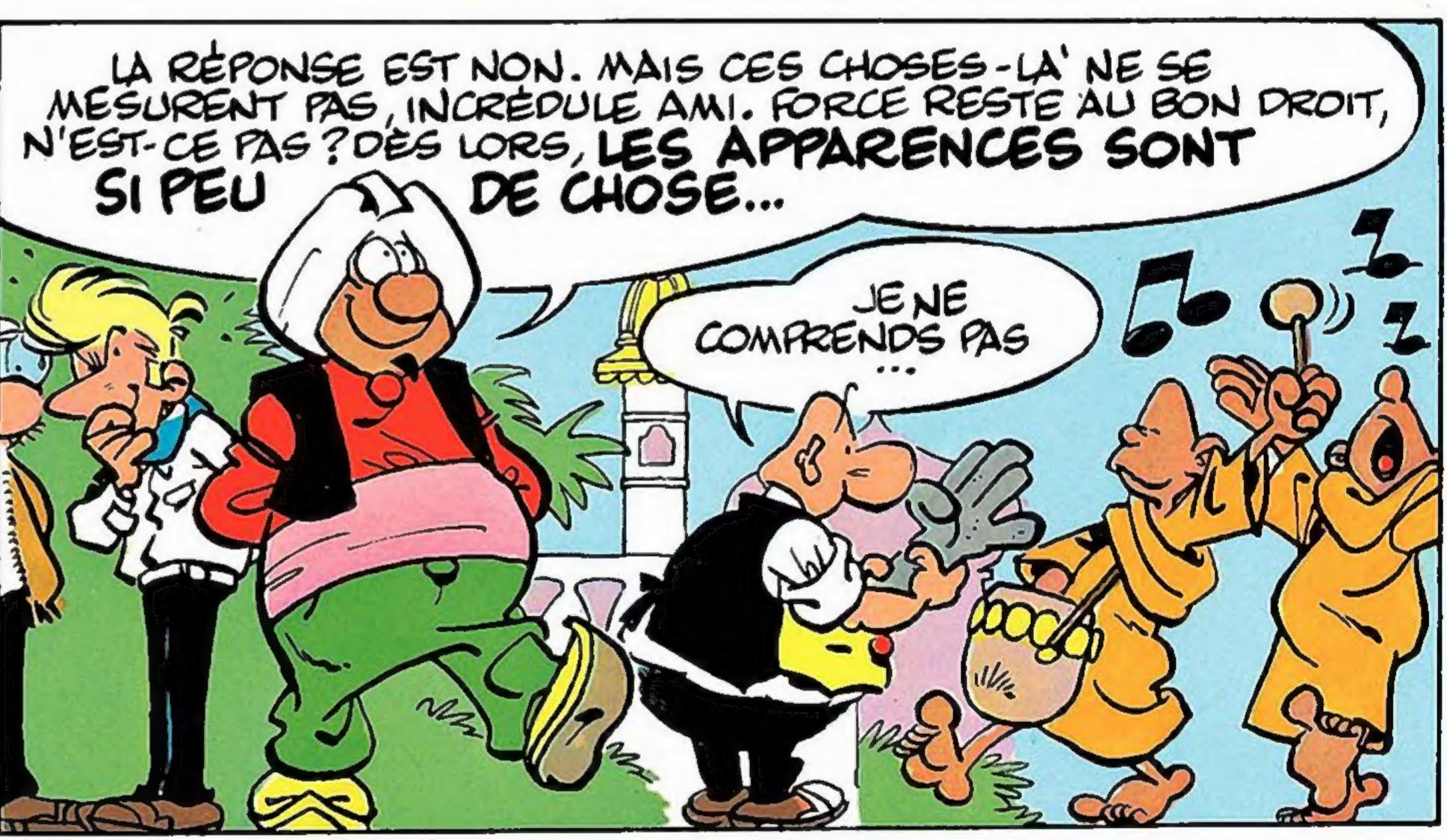


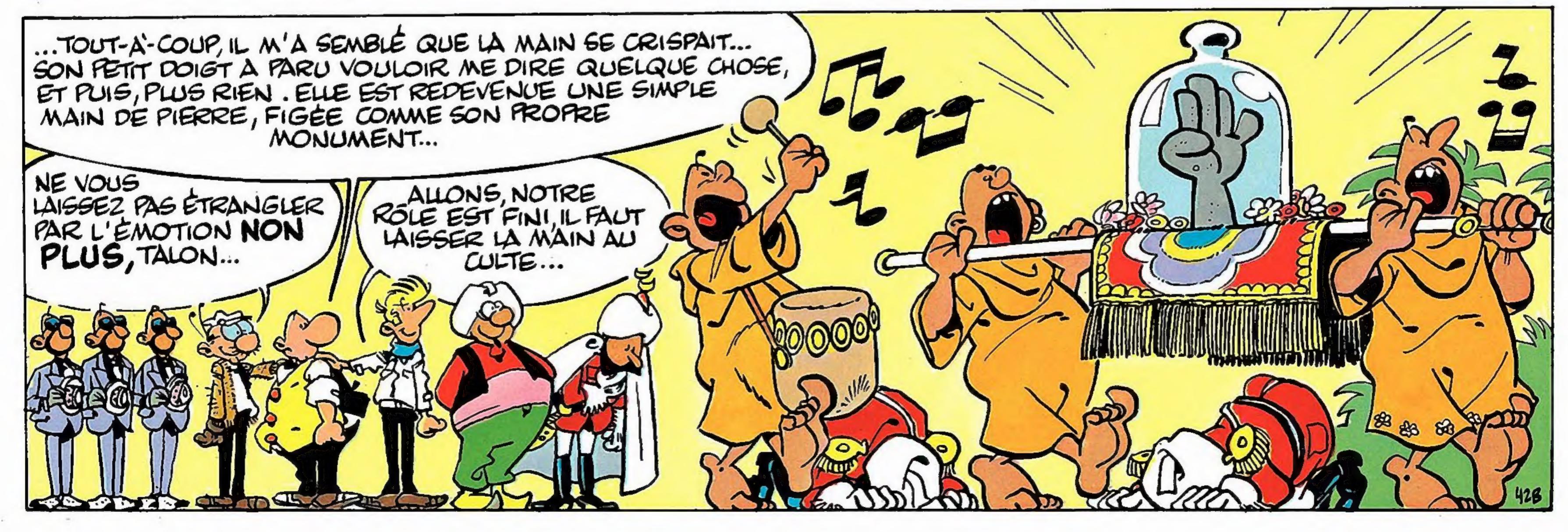


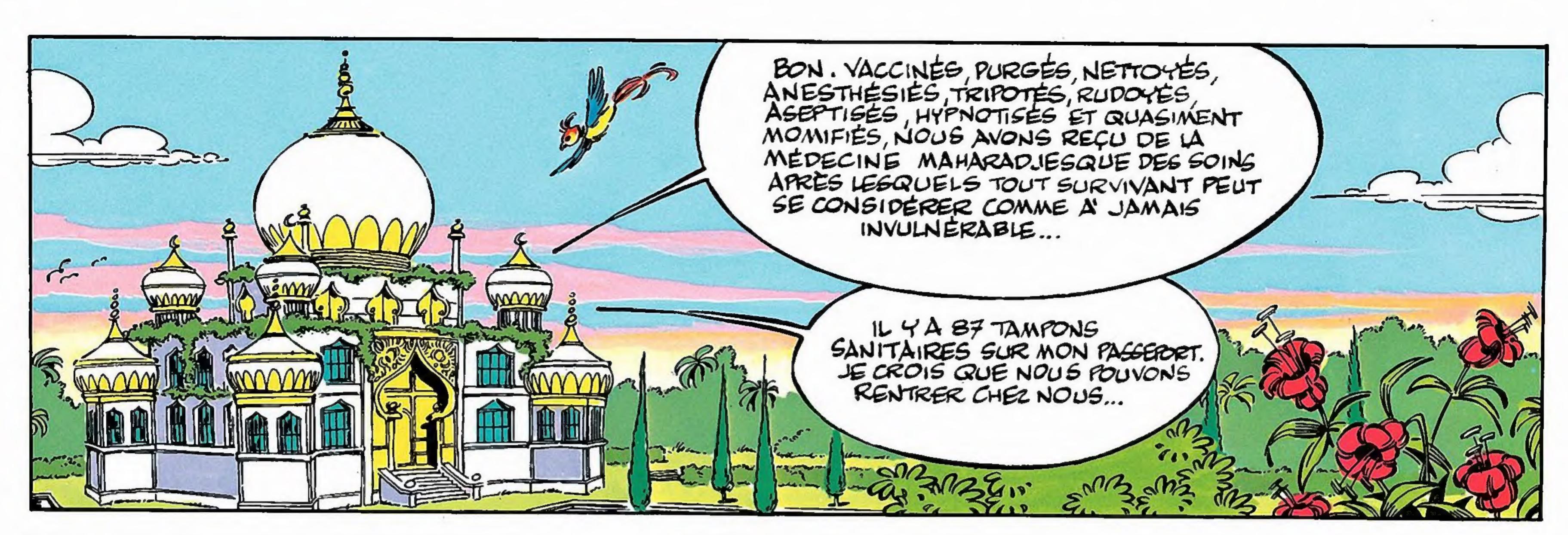










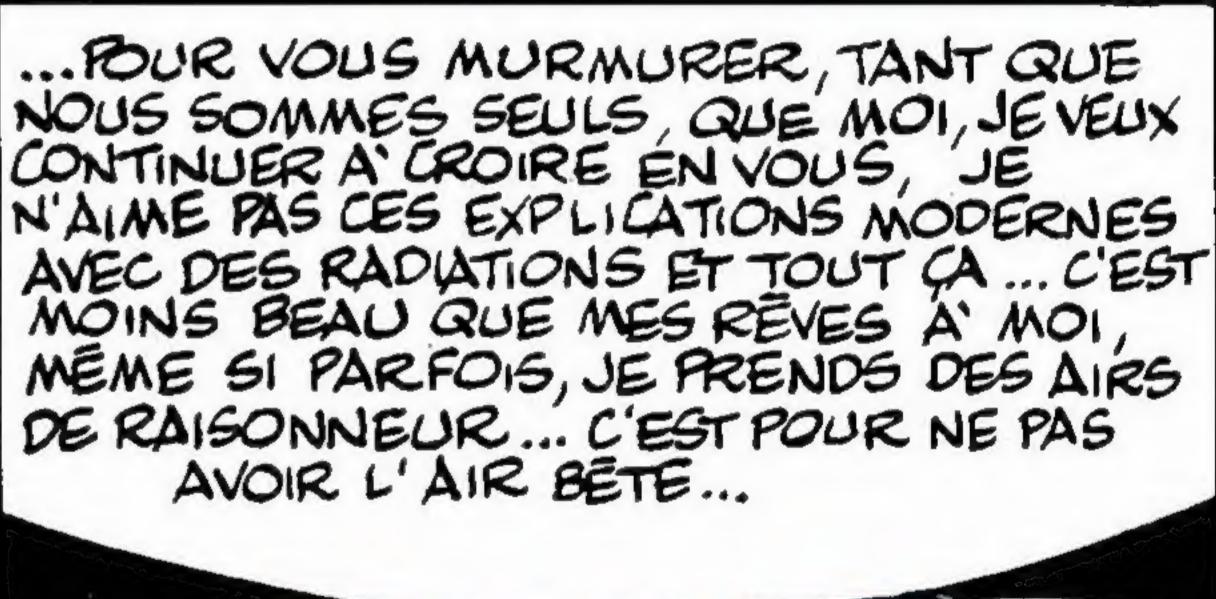


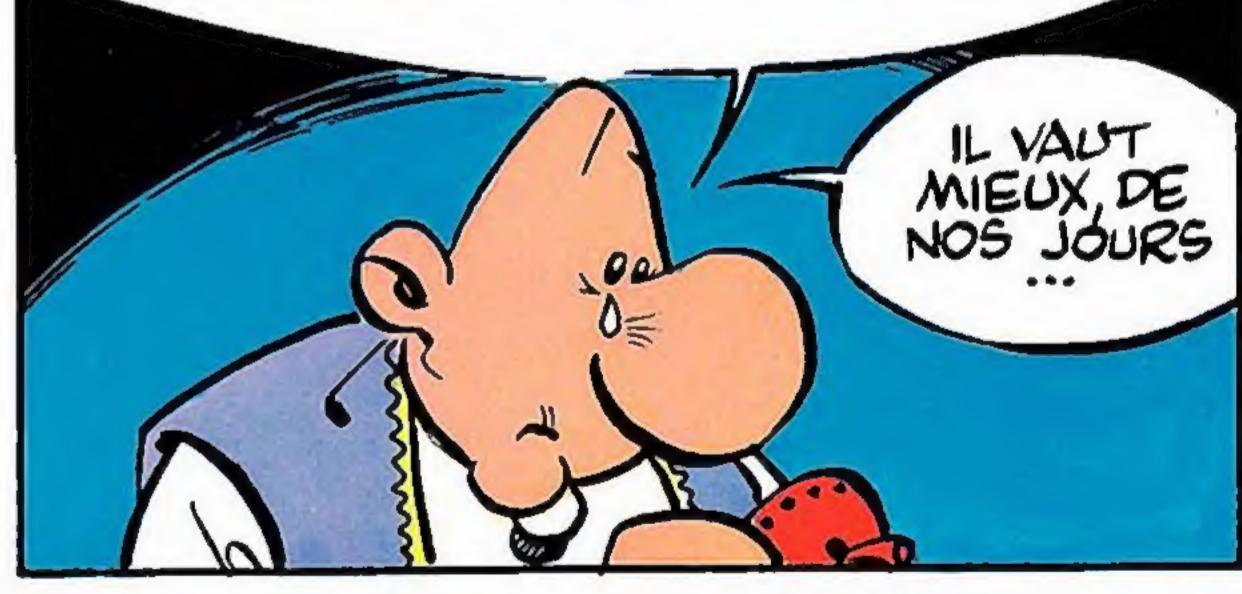












N'EMPECHE...S'IL Y
AVAIT EU UN SIGNE...
UN TOUT PETIT RIEN...
JE NE SAIS PAS, MOI...
OH, BOF! TANT PIS.
AUONS, SALUT, LA
MAIN. MÉME INERTE,
J'AVAIS FINI PAR
BIEN T'AIMER... JE
M'EN V...



